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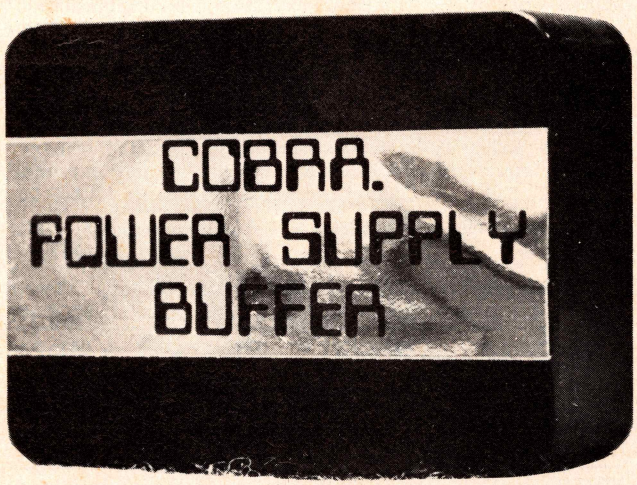

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letters

Mouthful

Dear Editor:

Don Day's "A Mouthful for Every Occasion" (*SYNC* 2:5) can be made to run in 8K ROM/1K RAM without decreasing the size or number of words.

The program below uses a three-dimensional string array at line 30 as the method. This is not mentioned in the manual (at least the first US edition).

To use the program, type in the lines. Then use GOTO 20 and ENTER. Next input one of Don's tables. Press ENTER after each word. Each entry may be up to 10 characters long. You do not have to add spaces to fill out the array; the ZX81 does it for you.

```
 10 GOTO 100
 20 FAST
 30 DIM A$(5,3,10)
 40 FOR Y=1 TO 3
 50 FOR X=1 TO 5
 60 INPUT P$
 70 LET A$(X,Y)=P$
 80 NEXT X
 90 NEXT Y
100 SLOW
110 PRINT "PRESS ENTER TO GENER
ATE PHRASE"
120 INPUT B$
130 CLS
140 PRINT AT 10,0;""
150 FOR X=1 TO 3
160 PRINT A$(INT (RND*5)+1,X);"
";
170 NEXT X
180 PRINT AT 15,0;"AGAIN? (Y/N)
"
190 PAUSE 10000
200 IF INKEY$="Y" THEN GOTO 130
210 STOP
```

After entering your list, SAVE the program. Then use GOTO 10 and ENTER to begin or you will lose your list.

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Draw and Store

Dear Editor:

The following changes in J. J. Hollandsworth's excellent "Draw and Store" routine (*SYNC* 2:6) permit SAVEing the display on tape in 1K RAM. The stored picture is displayed almost instantly upon reLOADing from tape. Note that all underlined words in the PRINT statements are token words to conserve RAM.

```
  1 REM HARTUNG
  5 CLS
500 PRINT AT 21,0;"KEY ENTER  I
O  SAVE "
510 PAUSE 40000
520 IF CODE INKEY$=118 THEN SAV
E "DRAW"
530 PRINT AT 21,0;" INPUT NEW P
LOT ? Y OR N"
540 PAUSE 40000
550 IF INKEY$="Y" THEN RUN
560 GOTO 540
```

Enter lines 10 through 80 of the original listing, then enter the lines below.

Notes:

510: POKE 16437,255 is not required here or at line 30 with the improved 8K ROM.

550: Start the recorder, then key ENTER twice to SAVE to tape.

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Rounding Off

Dear Editor:

James E. Stauffer's article "Rounding off with Conditional Tests" in *SYNC* 2:4 could be expanded to show how problems could be reduced and performance improved by a change in the methods used. The program below suggests some possibilities in this direction.

I used a table of squares to save multiplication, set the loop limits to remove unworkable cases, and substituted additional for multiplication. Then I developed algebraically a method that directly generates only the "Pythagorean Triples." An efficient method from Euclid computes the greatest common divisor to eliminate triples that are multiples of smaller triples. Since I prefer right-justified numbers, I used a different method of tabulating the answers. Lastly, I deferred computing the third component of each triple until I had decided to format and print the triple.

```
 10 DIM S(20)
 20 FOR N=1 TO 20
 30 LET S(N)=N*N
 40 NEXT N
 50 FOR N=1 TO 19
 60 LET N2=S(N)
 70 FOR M=N+1 TO 20
 80 LET M2=S(M)
 90 LET A=M2-N2
100 LET B=M*N
110 LET B=B+B
120 IF A<=B THEN GOTO 160
130 LET X=A
140 LET A=B
150 LET B=X
160 LET DN=B
170 LET DR=A
180 LET R=DN-INT (DN/DR)*DR
190 IF NOT R THEN GOTO 230
200 LET DN=DR
210 LET DR=R
220 GOTO 160
230 IF DR<>1 THEN GOTO 280
240 LET A$=STR$ A
250 LET B$=STR$ B
260 LET C$=STR$ (M2+N2)
270 PRINT TAB (6-LEN A$);A$;TAB
 (12-LEN B$);B$;TAB (18-LEN C$);
C$;
280 NEXT M
290 NEXT N
```

The line notes are:

20-30: Save table of squares.

50: Adjusted loop limits.

60: Operation moved to outer loop.

70: Adjusted loop limits.

90-110: "Direct method." A = M ** 2 - N ** 2. B = 2 * M * N. C = M ** 2 + N ** 2.

130-150: Conditional swap of A and B values to make A the smaller and B the larger.

160-220: Euclid's method for GCD.

230: Skip multiples.

240-270: Right-justified numbers.

The program runs on the T/S 1000 without additional memory.

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Ed.—For 1K RAM, RUN in FAST. When the display stops with error code 4, hit CONT and ENTER. For more than 1K add:

265 SCROLL and RUN in SLOW.

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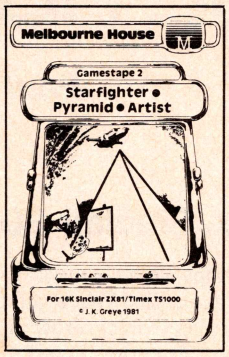

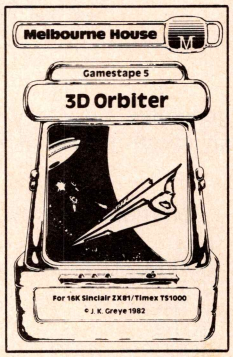

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SYNC on the Job

The theme section in this issue is "SYNC on the Job." We have included nine articles which illustrate a few of the ways that people in widely differing fields can use the Sinclair computers for their work. In some cases the computer is a handy tool; in others it seems to have become almost indispensable. Some users are taking advantage of the computer's ability to control external devices; others, its ability to control data—to store, manipulate, interpret, and display. As a result, the user either saves time or has information available that would be difficult, if not impossible, to have otherwise.

While many of you may not be able to use the programs directly in your work, we hope that one of them will come close or give an illustration of a program that can be adapted to your particular situation.

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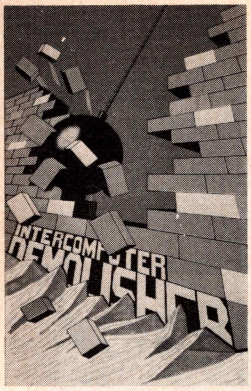

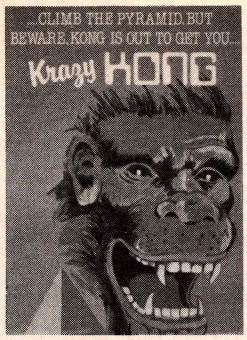

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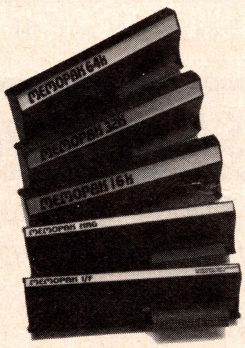

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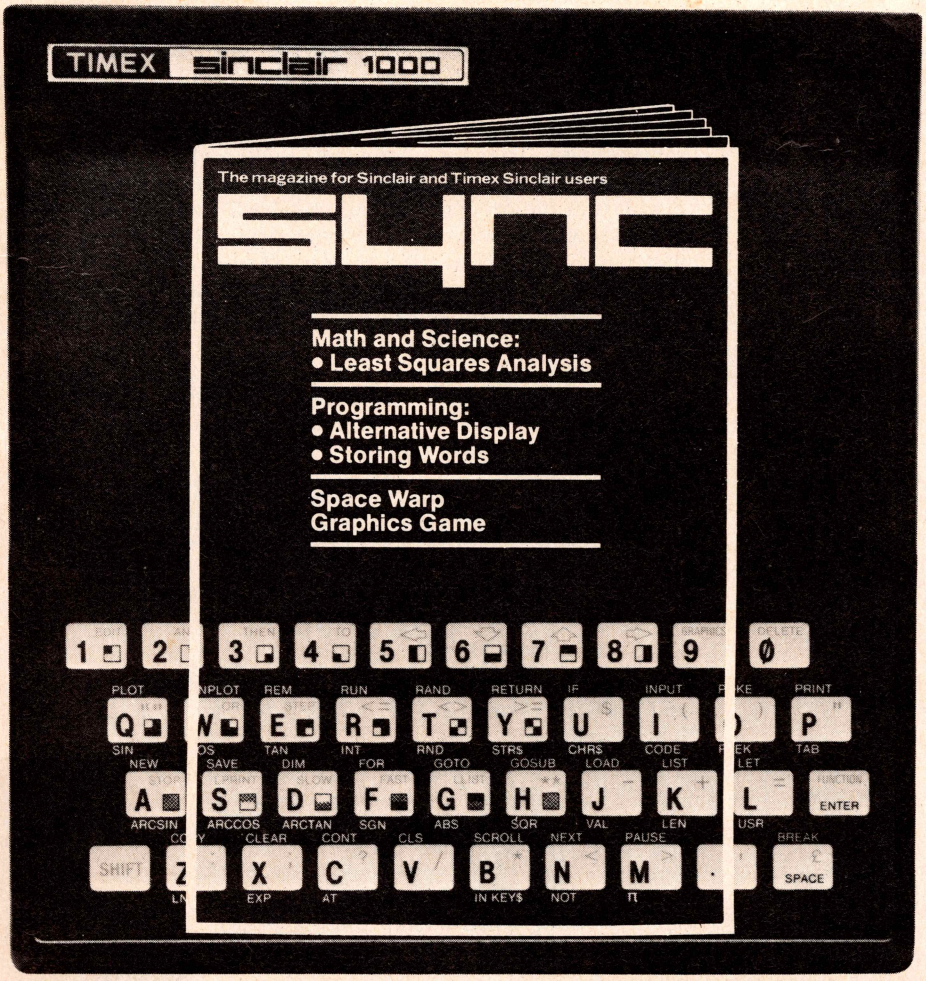

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A Machine Code Graphics Line-Drawing Subroutine (2:6)
The program should be run in FAST.
Listing 2. The last characters on some of the lines on the right margin did not print in some copies.

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 80: (
110: )*
210: *
          second line: D+
360: M
```

Renumbering Basic Statements (2:6, p. 80)
Program 1. 9991: PEEK III, not II6.

Random Walks (2:6)
Line 230: Insert ; after (X+1).

Block Transfers: Variables Transfer (2:6, p. 103)
Figure 3. Line 130. (P+54) is referred to incorrectly in the text as P3+4.
Figure 4. Line 40. (P+66) is referred to incorrectly in the text as P3+6).

A Cheap and Simple EPROM Programmer (3:1)
The author asks to have added at the end of the section "How the EPROM Programmer Works," p. 80, the following paragraph:
As designed, the EPROM programmer will not work with 64K memory modules. The reason is that they generate their own ROM C/S signals which would conflict with those generated by the programmer. However, once programmed, the EPROM could be placed into a ROM socket, provided that the pin configuration is compatible or is made compatible. The problem here is that no one EPROM pin assignment scheme exists. To make a "standard" ROM socket compatible with the EPROM, the following modifications to the ROM circuit (not the programmer) are required: traces to pins 18 and 20 should be reversed. The trace to pin 21 should be cut and pin 21 should be tied to Vcc (+5V). (Note: I have reversed the usual assignments of pins 19 and 20 to aid in compatibility.) In all probability, the ROM circuit provided would require such modifications.

Programming the LOAD Command (3:1, p. 50)
The author recommends the substitution of the following for Figure 1. RAMTOP Change:

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  10 REM 12345678901234567890123
4567890123456789012345678901234 5
  20 LET A$="0100002A0240C600ED4
2220240ED7382402A8240ED42F9545D2
A0440ED42220440ED52444D2A8240ED8
021979722824022854 0C95"
  30 LET X=16516
  40 IF A$="S" THEN STOP
  50 POKE X,16*CODE A$+CODE A$(2
)-476
  60 LET X=X+1
  70 LET A$=A$(3 TO )
  80 GOTO 40
```

After entering these lines, type RUN and ENTER, LIST and ENTER, 70 and ENTER, 80 and ENTER. Then add the following lines:

```
  15 LET RAMTOP=PEEK 16388+256*P
EEK 16389
  18 REM NEW RAMTOP=32580
  20 LET SHIFT=RAMTOP-32580
  23 IF SHIFT<=0 THEN GOTO 40
  25 POKE 16517,SHIFT-256*INT (S
HIFT/256)
  30 POKE 16518,INT (SHIFT/256)
  35 RAND USR 16516
  40 LOAD "LSCROLL"
  45 STOP
  50 SAVE "TEST LSCROLL"
  60 GOTO 10
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Read This First

Before entering the programs in this issue, readers should note the following:

The **ROM** and **RAM** requirements for using a given program are shown at the top of the first page of the article. *Observe these carefully.*

NEWLINE and **ENTER** are used interchangeably.

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#: Enter a necessary space.

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Ā: The overline means use the key in inverse.

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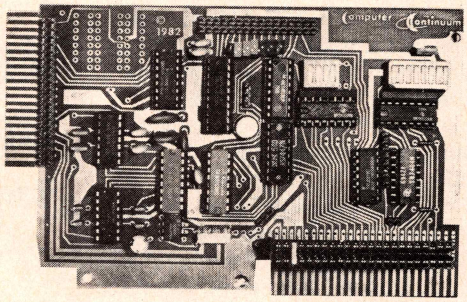

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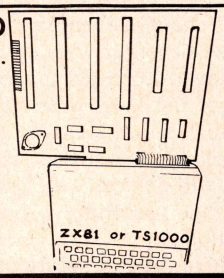

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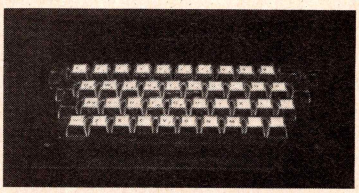

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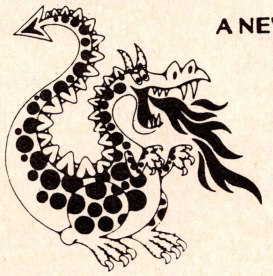

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One simple chain of events consists of presenting a lever (stimulus) to a white rat, allowing the rat to press the lever (behavior), and immediately providing a pellet of food as a reward.

During the course of a training session the rat will press the lever more and more frequently (behavioral change) to obtain food. In the early days of psychology this whole chain of events was controlled by a human observer who would feed the rat whenever it pressed the lever, record the time of the lever press, and prepare for the next press. Humans are quite easily fatigued by such strenuous regimens, however, and devices which would automate the data recording process were soon invented.

One of the first solutions was the use of electromechanical control equipment. This was just what the name suggests, electrically powered equipment which operated by means of mechanical relay closures and rachet systems. Simple logic circuits could be created with combinations of such equipment and quite sophisticated experiments could be conducted if one had access to enough relay gear.

Still, there were difficulties. Most bothersome was that electromechanical equipment was tedious to "program." Relays were wired together to create the necessary logic circuits and the number of connections needed soon became unreasonably large. As many days of work were often required to set up the equipment for a single experiment, researchers were known to become quite possessive of their racks of relay gear. A fast way to lose a friend was to borrow a bit of equipment from the middle of a rack that was not being used at the moment.

A second problem was that the equipment was only slightly more reliable than the human observer, although much more expensive. Relays stick, counters and clocks jam, and faulty connections appear, seemingly out of nowhere. This last is not as unlikely as it might seem, as the connections on this type of equipment were designed to be easily altered. This made rewiring as painless as could be expected, but frequently led to situations where accidental wiring alterations could occur. A careless movement or even the normal operation of the relays could easily break a connection.

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A final problem was inherent in the electromechanical equipment itself. Relays operate quite slowly while experimental subjects can respond quite quickly. At times the subject would have to learn both the experimental task and the operating limitations of the equipment.

It is little wonder that psychologists were among the first scientists to adopt the use of microcomputers for controlling equipment and collection of data. Fast, tireless, easy to program, and exceptionally accurate, microcomputers provide solutions for many of the traditional problems of the behavioral laboratory. The remaining portion of this article describes a system, based on the ZX81 and the Byte Back BB-1 control module which we use to automate the study of learning in white rats. We find the system to be useful in a variety of situations in our laboratory and, because of its low cost, particularly adaptable to use by students.

A Simple Model of the Learning Process

Much of what we learn can be explained in very simple terms. We are more likely to repeat those behaviors which are rewarded than those which go unrewarded. In addition, we are more likely to use a behavior which has been frequently practised than one which has been used only rarely. In terms of these two facts we can see a close parallel between simple learning situations and those which are more complex.

While there are undeniable differences between a rat's behavior in learning to press a lever for food and our own in learning to write a Basic program, there are also many similarites. Correct behavior is rewarded by food in the one case and a successful run in the other, while incorrect behavior goes unrewarded. Many computers, including the ZX81, go one step farther and adminster a mild punishment, a syntax error, for an incorrect response.

Some psychologists have chosen to study rats rather than humans because studying a simple behavior such as the lever press and using a simple reward such as food may help us better to understand more complex, but conceptually similar learning situations, including human learning.

A generalized learning situation can be easily described. A subject is placed in a conditioning chamber, called a Skinner box after its inventor B. F. Skinner, and is trained to perform a simple task to obtain a reward. The lever press mentioned previously is a good example. The lever causes a feeder to operate, which in turn delivers a small amount of food to the rat as a reward. Rats quickly adapt to this regimen, and most often this pre-training phase is accomplished by the old reliable, but weary, human observer before the experiment actually begins.

In the next phase of training the ZX81 and BB-1 can be put to use. During this phase it is common to train the rat on a reward schedule which requires more effort than the simple one response/one reward situation we have been considering. Some schedules require that the lever be pressed a certain number of times before a reward is given while others require a certain amount of time to ellapse between rewards. While such schedules are difficult to set up using relay control equipment, it is quite easy to manage most any schedule using the ZX81 and a controller such as the BB-1.

The BB-1 plugs directly into the expansion port at the back of the eight inputs and eight outputs. The BB-1 operates by POKEing values into memory locations 32766 and 32767 for output purposes and PEEKing locations 32764 and 32765 to read inputs. Up to eight *independent* inputs and outputs can be selected, and with the addition of user-built external logic up to 256 each of input and output lines may be used. The BB-1 provides a 44 pin card edge connector with which to make external connections.

Laboratory Example and Program Notes

Controlling a conditioning apparatus with the Sinclair ZX81 and the BB-1 is very easily accomplished by connecting

the lever (which is really a double throw microswitch) and pellet feeder (a 24VDC device) to the edge connector of the BB-1. To use the program given in this article, connect the microswitch's common pole to input 22B, which is the ground for the BB-1. Next connect the normally open

Listing 1.

```
 10 REM OPERANT CONTROL PROGRAM
 40 REM FILLER
 60 LET A=PEEK (32765)
 80 IF A=1 THEN GOTO 100
 90 GOTO 60
100 LET A=PEEK (32765)
120 IF A=2 THEN GOTO 140
130 GOTO 100
140 REM FILLER
150 POKE 32766,128
160 PAUSE 3
170 POKE 32766,0
200 GOTO 40
210 STOP
```

pole to input 7B and the normally closed pole to input 4B. For all connections, "A" refers to the component side of the BB-1 and "B" to the circuit side. Finally, connect a 24VDC power supply through outputs 2A and 2B to the pellet feeder. The BB-1 manual provides information, including a schematic and an assembly drawing, to understand the configuration of inputs and outputs for these as well as other relay operations.

The program in Listing 1, which should be run in the FAST mode, is a simple operations program for the system. Each press of the lever will produce a single food pellet reward. Lines 60 through 90 scan the BB-1 input lines for a value of 1. If the animal is not pressing the bar, the program will cycle immediately to the second program loop. If the rat holds the bar down after receiving a pellet, however, this loop prevents the delivery of any more rewards until the lever is released.

Listing 2.

Insert the following lines into Listing 1.

```
 20 PRINT "WHAT NUMBER OF PRESSES?"
 30 INPUT R
 50 FOR C=1 TO R
140 NEXT C
```

Lines 100 through 130 scan the inputs for a value of 2, which indicates that the lever has been pressed, and send the program into the third loop which operates the feeder mechanism. Line 150 closes the relay which operates the feeder, 160 simply holds the relay long enough for the mechanism to operate, and 170 turns the feeder mechanism off. Line 200 returns the program to the first loop.

Since rats will quickly fill up on food pellets if given the opportunity, we can modify the program slightly to require more than one bar press to obtain a food pellet. Listing 2 shows the additions necessary to accomplish this change. Lines 20 and 40 allow the experimenter to choose the number of lever presses necessary to obtain a reward while lines 50 and 140 count bar presses until the required number have occurred. As an example, if the number "4" was input at line 30, the rat would have to press the lever four times before the program would reach line 150 and operate the feeder.

While the ZX81 lacks a real time clock, the insertion of a few lines into the program provides for precise timing of the interval between the delivery of food pellets. Listing 3 shows the necessary additions and changes. The new line 40 simply initializes the timing variable, while lines 70 and 110 increment the value each time the machine goes through one of the holding loops. Line 180 calculates the time in seconds by dividing the count by a constant. The value 92 was arrived at by trial and error and may be slightly different on different machines. It will almost certainly be different with other programs. Once calculated, however, timing constants seem to be quite accurate. Sample runs of this program produce time

Listing 3.

Insert the following lines into Listing 2.

```
 40 LET T=0
 70 LET T=T+1
110 LET T=T+1
180 LET S=T/92
190 PRINT S;"#";
```

values almost perfectly correlating with an external .01 second stopclick. One important consideration in producing consistant time values is to equalize run times for each loop of the program. This program happens to have equivalent loops, but in other situations REM statements may be added to equalize the loops.

In order to keep the memory requirements as small as possible, we chose to use the display file as a storage area for computed time values. If you have more than 1K RAM, it is probably best to dimension a variable to hold output values. In this way data could be SAVEd at the end of a session without having to be copied from the screen.

Control of equipment using the ZX81 and the BB-1 is obviously not limited to the simple situations presented here nor exclusively to laboratory applications. Many control tasks, from laboratory applications to the operation of devices in the home to hobby uses can be accomplished using computer controllers. The ZX81 and BB-1 are an excellent combination, offering flexibility and low cost when used in replacement of older equipment in the laboratory and can provide considerable control options in home or hobby use. ■

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Adding Feet and Inches

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Despite all the glamour that has been given to the metric system in the past few years, there are still some areas of endeavor in which the English system shows no sign of being replaced, at least in America. As an engineer working in the building industry, I am involved in one of those. A few of us are lucky enough to still have an old-fashioned calculator filled with cams and levers, but I have spent untold hours with pencil and paper adding feet and inches and eighths. So I have been looking for a way to automate that is simple and cost-effective, and I have found it in the ZX81.

The first requirement for such a program is that it respond quickly enough that the user does not become frustrated waiting for the answer to flash up on the screen. I also wanted the program to be simple and comprehensible, because I want to be able to add to it the ability to do further processing on the dimensions that have been keyed in. It turns out that with a little attention paid to program layout, Basic does the job.

The program assumes the following conventions: dimensions are entered in feet, inches and eighths. Fractions involving sixteenths and beyond are not used. A dimension 12″ or larger is expressed in terms of feet and inchies. For example, 16″ is expressed as 1'4″. However, this last can be changed, as noted later in the article.

The way of entering dimensions is best shown by the examples in Figure 1. Feet are separated from inches by a period. Whole inches and then the fraction are keyed without a hyphen or slash; 5-1/2″ becomes simple .512. If there are no whole inches, only the fraction need be entered. Thus .14 is understood to be 1/4″ (not 14″). If the dimension is to be subtracted, it is preceded by M. (A minus sign could have been used, but minus is a shifted character and therefore less convenient.)

To start the program simply hit RUN; the two double quotation marks with inverse L cursor between will appear to receive the first dimension. As each dimension is entered it will be interpreted and printed on the screen. To see the total hit ENTER (a null string). The total is really a subtotal; it is not cleared,

Figure 1.

ENTER	UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN
3.4	3'4"
4.12	4'0-1/2"
6.10	6'10"
1.738	1'7-3/8"
2.1114	2'11-1/4"
.18	0'0-1/8"
154	154'-0"
M12.6	-12'6"
M.958	-0'9-5/8"

and additional dimensions may be added or subtracted. The total is printed with an asterisk and may be negative. Enter C to clear the total and the screen. To stop the program delete the left double quotation mark and substitute STOP. If Basic stops the program due to faulty input, it may be restarted without losing the total by entering GOTO 140.

Since Basic locates a given line by searching from the top, the subroutines that interpret the dimensions have been placed first so as to minimize the time spent in the search. (RETURN is done directly without a search.) There are also no REM statements to slow things down. The program actually begins at line 110—Line 5 could be eliminated with a very small increase in speed if one remembers to always start with RUN 110. Personally, I have trouble with this, so I have included line 5.

Because of line 310, lines 10, 20, 30 and 40 must have those numbers and no other. Line 150 is the only input instruction in the program. If it is desired to process dimensions in a new program segment, the test for the new instruction should be placed around lines 170 and 180.

Lines 240 through 260 locate the period, if any. If there is no period, then the dimension is all feet and we are ready to print. If a period is found, the feet are placed in X and the feet and period are chopped off the string at line 300. This leaves from 1 to 4 digits remaining.

If there is one digit, it is whole inches 0-9. If there are three digits, they are whole inches 0-9 plus a fraction of two digits. If there are four digits, they are whole inches 10-11 plus a fraction of two digits. If there are two digits, they may be whole inches 10-11 or a fraction with no whole inches. This separation is made at line 20. 10 or 11 will lead to line 10 whereas 18, 14, 38, 12, 58, 34, or 78 will lead to line 21. If it is desired to be able to input numbers of inches larger than 11, then things can be rearranged so that two digits always lead to line 10. In this case, a dimension of 1/2″, for example, will have to be entered .012 which requires an extra keystroke.

RETURNing to line 320, we are now ready to PRINT. Since the ZX81 character set does not include an apostrophe, the graphic on the 1 key has been used instead. I find that this reads very well. The extra PRINT statement at line 350 is required to end the line should there be no fraction; accordingly there is a semicolon at the end of line 80 also. The dimension is added to the total at line 380, and we are ready for the next command.

Line 400 sets W equal to the total and calls the PRINT routine which begins at line 440. This has been made a subroutine so that future program segments can use it to PRINT dimensions in the standard format. To use the subroutine, set W equal to the desired dimension in decimal inches and GOSUB 440. The asterisk could be turned on and off in a string variable if it were not appropriate for all calls to 440.

PRINTing of the fraction associated with the total is done by pointing to the appropriate characters in B$. The

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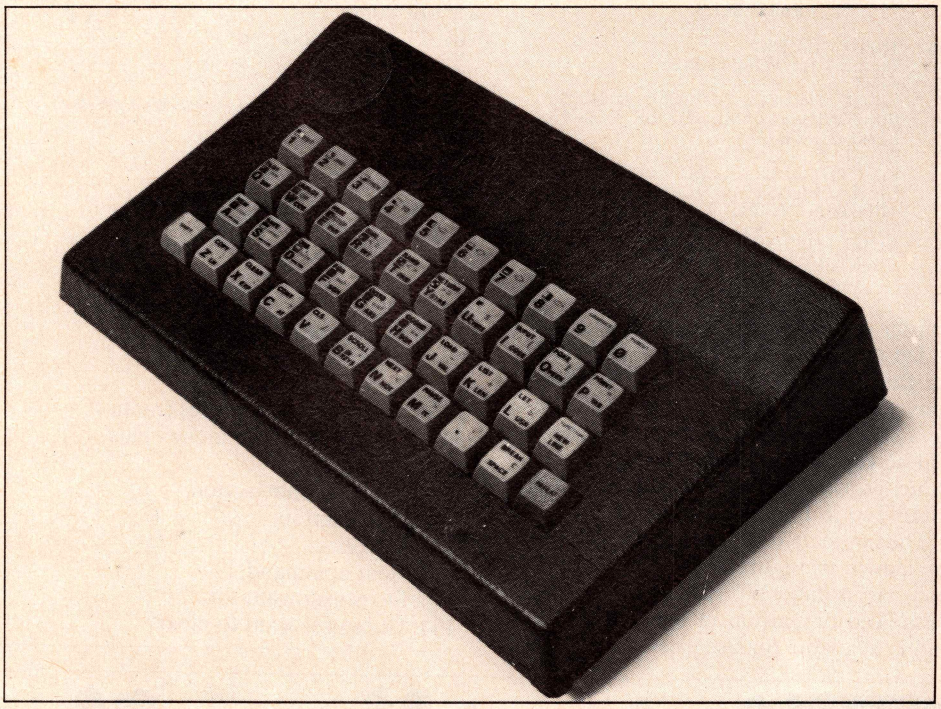

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Figure 2.

VARIABLES

A$	INPUT STRING
B$	IMAGES OF FRACTIONS
X	FEET
Y	WHOLE INCHES; DECIMAL INCHES
N	NUMERATOR; 4*NUMBER OF EIGHTHS
D	DENOMINATOR
Z	DIMENSION IN INCHES; FRACTION EXPRESSED AS DECIMAL
W	LAST DIMENSION DISPLAYED (DECIMAL INCHES)
S	SIGN; 0 = +; 1 = -
T	TOTAL (DECIMAL INCHES)
I	COUNTER

pointer is generated in line 510. The .1 is added to 32*Z to overcome roundoff error that occurs in the decimal to binary conversions that are going on within Basic. If the .1 is left out, part of the time N will be very slightly less than the correct value, and the wrong characters will be PRINTed in line 520.

The contents of the program variables are shown in Figure 2. After each addition or total, W contains the last PRINTed dimension in decimal inches, and is available for use elsewhere.

Figure 3.

```
  1 REM ENG
  5 GOTO 110
 10 LET Y=VAL A$
 11 RETURN
 20 IF VAL A$<12 THEN GOTO 10
 21 LET N=VAL A$(1)
 22 LET D=VAL A$(2)
 23 RETURN
 30 LET Y=VAL A$(1)
 31 LET N=VAL A$(2)
 32 LET D=VAL A$(3)
 33 RETURN
 40 LET Y=VAL A$( TO 2)
 41 LET N=VAL A$(3)
 42 LET D=VAL A$(4)
 43 RETURN
 50 LET S=1
 50 LET A$=A$(2 TO )
 70 RETURN
 80 PRINT "-";N;"/";D;
 90 LET Y=Y+N/D
100 RETURN
110 LET B$="-1/8-1/4-3/8-1/2-5/
8-3/4-7/8"
120 LET T=0
130 CLS
140 SLOW
150 INPUT A$
160 FAST
170 IF A$="" THEN GOTO 400
180 IF A$="C" THEN GOTO 120
190 LET S=0
200 IF A$(1)="H" THEN GOSUB 50
210 LET X=0
220 LET Y=0
230 LET N=0
240 FOR I=1 TO LEN A$
250 IF A$(I)="." THEN GOTO 290
260 NEXT I
270 LET X=VAL A$
280 GOTO 320
290 IF I>1 THEN LET X=VAL A$( T
O I-1)
300 LET A$=A$(I+1 TO )
310 GOSUB 10+LEN A$
320 IF S THEN PRINT "-";
330 PRINT X;" ";Y;
340 IF N THEN GOSUB 60
350 PRINT
360 LET W=12*X+Y
370 IF S THEN LET W=-W
380 LET T=T+W
390 GOTO 140
400 LET W=T
420 GOSUB 440
430 GOTO 140
440 LET Z=ABS W
450 LET X=INT (Z/12)
460 LET Y=Z-12*X
470 LET Z=Y-INT Y
480 IF W<0 THEN PRINT "-";
490 PRINT X;" ";INT Y;
500 IF NOT Z THEN GOTO 540
510 LET N=INT (32*Z+.1)
520 PRINT B$(N-3 TO N);" *"
530 RETURN
540 PRINT "    *"
550 RETURN
```

Line notes:

10: Whole inches only.
20: 2 digits to right of period.
21: Fractional inches only.
30: 3 digits: 0-9 inches plus fraction.
40: 4 digits: 10 or 11 inches plus fraction
50: Set up for subtraction.
80: Print fraction.
110: Initialize.
150: Next command.
170: Does user want total?
180: Does user want to clear?
200: Is this a subtraction?
240: Find location of period.
270: No period; whole feet only.
290: Extract feet.
300: Chop off feet and period.
310: Len A$ equals 1, 2, 3, or 4.
330: Graphic on 1.
340: Print fraction if any.
400: Print total.
440: Subroutine to PRINT W.
490: Graphic on 1.
510: PRINT the fraction.
540: No fraction.

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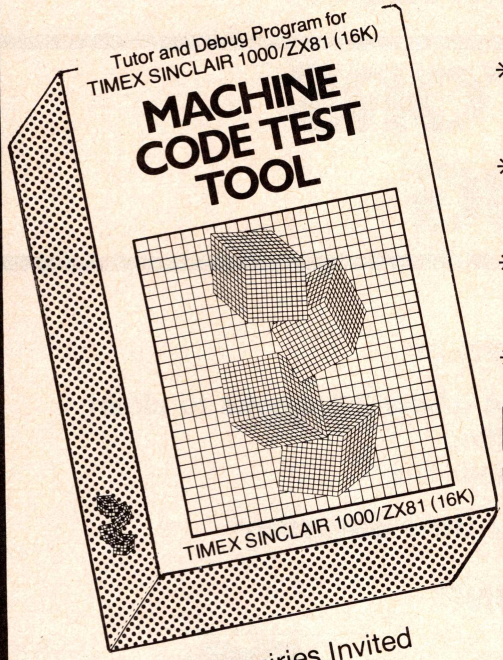

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Take the case of the production manager, for instance, whose plant is turning out its daily quota of widgets. He has been making strenuous efforts to improve productivity, and is watching the output figures anxiously day by day. When can he be sure that they truly reflect a significant improvement in the average achieved last month?

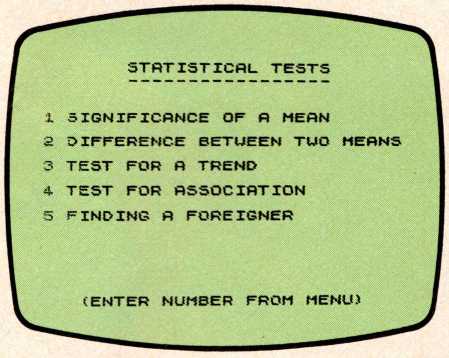
Or consider the sales director, reviewing the performance of the salesmen responsible for the two areas under his control. Their weekly totals of orders booked during the last three months fluctuate sharply, so that looking at the bare figures he cannot make up his mind whether it is Brown or Smith that has the better record recently. Is there a significant difference between the two sets of figures?

Or take, finally, the marketing man in charge of a product launch. He has staked his future with the company on the success of the new line, so he is desperate to show that his carefully planned campaign is paying off, and that the long haul into profitability for the product is under way. How can he demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that this is so, and that there is a significant upward trend in sales and, hopefully, profits?

The program below, written for a ZX81 with 16K RAM, is designed to answer these and similar questions. It is, in fact, a suite of five programs linked together, with an initial menu to enable the user to choose from among them. It is based on a series of rapid statistical tests devised by Eric Duckworth, a noted writer on operational research.

Having chosen the test appropriate to his requirement, the user is prompted to enter the crude data at his disposal. The ZX81 tests this, makes the necessary calculations, and prints out an unequivocal message saying whether the result is statistically significant or not.

"Significant" has a meaning that is quite precise in this context, as applying to an event that would only rarely (once in twenty times, in fact) happen by chance. As Duckworth points out, this is a smaller probability than that of getting four "heads" with successive tosses of a coin, so that the tests in the program can be generally relied on to interpret fairly the data supplied. The sample runs shown with the listing indicate the way the program works, but for those who need more detail the following descriptions of the tests may be useful.



Test 1: Significance of a Mean

The user enters the previous average when invited to do so, then the number of items in the new sample (which provides the subscript for an array to hold the data). Finally, the items in the sample are entered individually and displayed on the screen. The computer does not calculate a new average, though it could, of course, easily be programmed to do so. Instead, it notes how many figures are higher, and how many are lower, than the first average (ignoring any that are equal to it). It then calculates the sum of the two totals thus obtained and the difference between them: the rule for significance at the 1 in 20 level is that the difference must be greater than twice the square root of the sum.

If the ZX81 finds no significant change has occurred, it applies a further simple rule to tell the user how many more items of data are needed before a retest can usefully be carried out. (The relevant part of the program is lines 1230-1280, and if desired these could be adapted and added as a subroutine in tests 2-4.) This message is, however, omitted if more than 100 additional items would be needed—which would imply that the result of the initial test was far from significant.

Test 2: Significance of the Difference between Two Means

A test similar to the first can be used to determine whether two groups of figures differ significantly: for example, weekly orders taken by two salesmen. For the test to be meaningful, there must be at least five items in each group, and both groups must, of course, contain the same number of items. If there is a significant difference between the two, the computer will say whether the first sample is greater or less than the second.

Test 3: Test for a Trend

This test should tell our marketing man whether his new product is going to advance his career, or whether he should resign before he is asked to go. To apply the test, he will need to collect a series of at least 15 figures, which are then entered one by one when the computer asks for them. If they show a significant trend, the computer will show its direction, up or down.

Test 4: Test for Association

It is sometimes desired to find out whether there is a regular connection, or correlation, between two groups of numbers. Is the proportion of widgets found to be faulty, on inspection by quality control, rising as production goes up, for example? The *total* number of data items from samples (of equal size) of the two series of figures is entered, and then the items are input individually. The program (lines 4070-4250) counts the number of pairs of figures in which *both* members of the pair are higher or lower than the average of the series to which they are related. From the number thus arrived at, the number of pairs in which one figure is higher and one is lower than the respective average is subtracted. If the difference is greater than the square root of half the total number of

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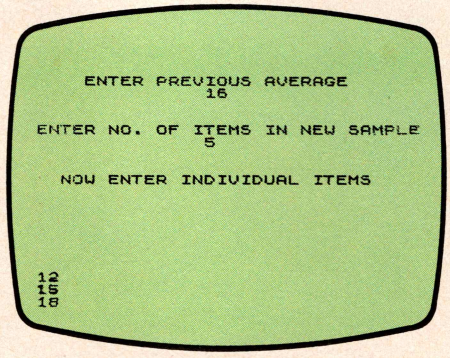
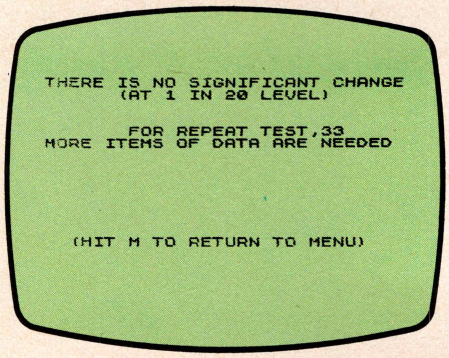
data items, the computer confirms that there is a significant association between the two series.

Test 5: Finding a Foreigner

Occasionally a series of numbers includes one that seems a "foreigner," out of line with the rest. Is it a random aberration, or should the manager suspect it, and decide that closer investigation is needed? The test applied here (lines 5000-5240) is to calculate the ration between the ranges of the largest and smallest numbers in the group—first without the "foreigner," and then with it included. If the ratio is less than 1:2, then the "foreigner" does not belong to the group, and some abnormality should be looked for in the conditions under which it was produced. The program assumes that the largest number in the group does not exceed 100,000; if larger numbers than this are likely to be met with, line 5050 should be altered.

Salesmen of computer systems are fond of claiming that their products are "menu-driven," and especially "user-friendly." Perhaps this early attempt at writing business software for the ZX81 that merits both these adjectives will inspire others to develop more sophisticated ways of using this versatile little machine as the basis of statistical systems for managers. ■



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  10 REM STATISTICAL TESTS
  20 REM FOR MANAGERS
  30 REM (C) C E COFFIN, 1981
  35 CLS
  40 LET D=0
  50 LET S=0
  60 LET Z=0
  70 LET S$="SIGNIFICANT"
 100 PRINT TAB 7;"STATISTICAL TE
STS"
 110 PRINT TAB 7;"---------------
---"
 120 PRINT
 130 PRINT
 140 GOSUB 400
 170 PRINT AT 19,3;"(ENTER NUMBE
R FROM MENU)"
 200 INPUT X
 210 IF X<1 OR X>5 THEN GOTO 200
 220 CLS
 240 GOTO X*1000
 400 REM MENU DISPLAY
 410 DIM M$(5,30)
 420 LET M$(1)=" SIGNIFICANCE OF
 A MEAN"
 430 LET M$(2)=" DIFFERENCE BETW
EEN TWO MEANS"
 440 LET M$(3)=" TEST FOR A TREN
D"
 450 LET M$(4)=" TEST FOR ASSOCI
ATION"
 460 LET M$(5)=" FINDING A FOREI
GNER"
 500 FOR W=1 TO 5
 510 PRINT W;M$(W)
 520 PRINT
 530 NEXT W
 540 RETURN
 700 PRINT TAB 13;"---------"
 710 RETURN
1000 REM SIGNIFICANCE OF A MEAN
1005 PRINT TAB 4;M$(1)
1006 GOSUB 700
1010 PRINT AT 6,4;"ENTER PREVIOU
S AVERAGE"
1020 INPUT A
1030 PRINT TAB 14;A
1040 PRINT AT 10,0;"ENTER NO. OF
 ITEMS IN NEW SAMPLE"
1050 PRINT AT 11,14;
1060 GOSUB 6000
1070 PRINT AT 14,2;"NOW ENTER IN
DIVIDUAL ITEMS"
1080 FOR L=1 TO T
1090 SCROLL
1100 INPUT N(L)
1110 PRINT N(L)
1120 IF N(L)<A THEN LET J=J+1
1130 IF N(L)>A THEN LET K=K+1
1140 NEXT L
1150 GOSUB 1500
1170 CLS
1180 PRINT AT 6,0;"THERE IS ";
1190 IF D<=Z THEN PRINT "NO ";
1200 PRINT S$;" CHANGE"
1210 PRINT TAB 6;"(AT 1 IN 20 LE
VEL)"
1220 IF D=0 OR D>Z THEN GOTO 650
0
1230 LET E=INT (((2*S)/D)**2)-S
1240 IF E>0 AND E<100 THEN GOTO
1260
1250 GOTO 6500
1260 PRINT AT 10,7;"FOR REPEAT T
EST,";E
1270 PRINT "MORE ITEMS OF DATA A
RE NEEDED"
1280 GOTO 6500
1500 LET S=J+K
1510 LET Z=2*SQR 5
1520 LET D=ABS (J-K)
1530 RETURN
2000 REM DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO
MEANS
2005 PRINT TAB 1;M$(2)
2010 GOSUB 700
2015 PRINT AT 6,2;"NO. OF ITEMS
IN EACH SAMPLE"
2020 PRINT TAB 9;"(AT LEAST 5)?
";
2030 GOSUB 6000
2050 PRINT AT 10,1;"NOW ENTER ON
E ITEM FROM EACH "
2060 PRINT TAB 7;"SAMPLE AT A TI
ME"
2090 DIM R(T)
2120 FOR L=1 TO T
2130 SCROLL
2140 INPUT N(L)
2150 INPUT R(L)
2160 PRINT N(L),R(L)
2170 IF N(L)>R(L) THEN LET J=J+1
2180 IF N(L)<R(L) THEN LET K=K+1
2190 NEXT L
2210 GOSUB 1500
2230 CLS
2240 PRINT AT 8,9;"1ST SAMPLE IS
";
2250 IF D>Z THEN GOTO 2300
2260 PRINT "NOT ";S$;"LY DIFFERE
NT FROM"
2270 GOTO 2350
2300 IF J>K THEN PRINT TAB 2;S$;
"LY GREATER THAN"
2310 IF J<K THEN PRINT TAB 3;S$;
"LY LESS THAN"
2350 PRINT TAB 10;"2ND SAMPLE"
2360 GOTO 6500
3000 REM TEST FOR A TREND
3005 PRINT TAB 8;M$(3)
3010 GOSUB 700
3015 PRINT AT 8,5;"NO. OF ITEMS
IN SAMPLE"
3020 PRINT TAB 7;"(AT LEAST 15)?
";
3030 GOSUB 6000
3040 LET T1=INT (T/3)
3050 PRINT AT 12,5;"ENTER ITEMS
ONE BY ONE"
3060 FOR L=1 TO T
3070 SCROLL
3080 INPUT N(L)
3090 PRINT N(L)
3100 NEXT L
3110 CLS
3120 LET Q=T-T1
3130 FOR P=1 TO T1
3160 IF N(P)<N(Q) THEN LET J=J+1
3190 IF N(P)>N(Q) THEN LET K=K+1
3200 LET Q=Q+1
3210 NEXT P
3220 CLS
3230 LET Y=2*(SQR T1)
3240 PRINT AT 8,3;"TREND IS ";
3250 IF ABS (J-K)<=Y THEN GOTO 3
350
3260 PRINT S$;"LY"
3270 IF J>K THEN PRINT TAB 12;"U
P";
3280 IF J<K THEN PRINT TAB 10;"D
OWN";
3290 PRINT "WARDS"
3300 GOTO 6500
3350 PRINT "NOT ";S$
3360 GOTO 6500
4000 REM TEST FOR ASSOCIATION
4001 PRINT TAB 6;M$(4)
4002 GOSUB 700
4005 PRINT AT 7,2;"SAMPLES MUST
BE OF EQUAL SIZE"
4010 PRINT TAB 4;"TOTAL NO. OF I
TEMS ";
4020 GOSUB 6000
4030 LET TOT1=0
4040 LET TOT2=0
4050 PRINT AT 11,0;"ENTER ONE IT
EM FROM EACH SAMPLE"
4060 PRINT TAB 11;"AT A TIME"
4070 LET P=1
4080 FOR Q=2 TO T STEP 2
4090 SCROLL
4100 INPUT N(P)
4110 INPUT N(Q)
4120 PRINT N(P),N(Q)
4130 LET TOT1=TOT1+N(P)
4140 LET TOT2=TOT2+N(Q)
4150 LET P=P+2
4160 NEXT Q
4170 CLS
4180 LET AV1=TOT1/(T/2)
4190 LET AV2=TOT2/(T/2)
4200 LET P=1
4210 FOR Q=2 TO T STEP 2
4220 IF ((N(P)<AV1) AND (N(Q)<AV
2)) OR ((N(P)>AV1) AND (N(Q)>AV2
)) THEN LET J=J+1
4225 LET K=(T/2)-J
4230 IF (N(P)=AV1) OR (N(Q)<AV2)
 THEN LET K=K-1
4240 LET P=P+2
4250 NEXT Q
4260 LET Z=2*(SQR (T/2))
4270 PRINT AT 8,10;"THERE IS ";
4280 IF ABS (J-K)<=Z THEN GOTO 4
310
4290 PRINT "A"
4300 GOTO 4320
4310 PRINT "NO"
4320 PRINT TAB 4;S$;" ASSOCIATIO
N"
4330 PRINT TAB 4;"BETWEEN THE TW
O SAMPLES"
4340 GOTO 6500
5000 REM FINDING A FOREIGNER
5005 PRINT TAB 6;M$(5)
5006 GOSUB 700
5010 PRINT AT 7,5;"NO. OF ITEMS
IN SAMPLE"
5015 PRINT TAB 5;"(WITHOUT FOREI
GNER)? ";
5020 GOSUB 6000
5030 PRINT
5040 PRINT AT 11,1;"ENTER ITEMS
(WITHOUG FOREIGNER)"
5050 LET K=100000
5060 FOR L=1 TO T
5070 SCROLL
5080 INPUT N(L)
5090 PRINT N(L)
5100 IF J<N(L) THEN LET J=N(L)
5110 IF K>N(L) THEN LET K=N(L)
5120 NEXT L
5130 CLS
5140 PRINT AT 8,4;"ENTER THE FOR
EIGNER:";
5150 INPUT F
5160 PRINT F
5170 LET Y1=ABS (J-K)
5180 IF J<F THEN LET J=F
5190 IF K>F THEN LET K=F
5195 LET Y2=ABS (J-K)
5200 PRINT AT 12,5;F;" IS";
5210 IF Y2/Y1>2 THEN GOTO 5230
5220 PRINT " NOT";
5230 PRINT " A FOREIGNER"
5240 GOTO 6500
6000 INPUT T
6010 PRINT T
6020 DIM N(T)
6030 LET J=0
6040 LET K=0
6050 RETURN
6500 PRINT AT 19,2;"(HIT M TO RE
TURN TO MENU)"
6510 PAUSE 4E4
6520 IF CODE INKEY$=50 THEN GOTO
 35
6530 STOP
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Archaeological Research Using the ZX81

Juan Jose Castillos

I am an Egyptologist, and for the last six years I have been busy doing a survey of ancient Egyptian Predynastic and Early Dynastic cemeteries to establish some of the demographic, economic, and sociological conditions under which the population of the time had to live.

The computer has been used for many years as a tool for carrying out archaeological projects and, more specifically, in Egyptological research. However, scholars who want to use these modern machines often have to compete for time at the big university computers with other specialists. Furthermore, due to the complexities involved, they have to rely on professional programmers who, it is hoped, will understand the particular nature and purpose of each project and thus use the machine to the scholar's best possible advantage.

To what extent this has been achieved is up to each individual to decide, but recently, the advent of a whole generation of powerful, affordable microcomputers has freed scholars from their dependence on outside help. Now it is possible not only for Departments or Research Centers but even for one single person to acquire a computer. The researcher can devise his own programs, and proceed with his work at a much faster pace.

Until a couple of years ago, we had to rely on file-cards and indexes to store data. There is no need to elaborate on how tedious, slow, and error-prone this system really is, but at the time there was no feasible alternative.

When the first micrcomputers became available, I decided to buy one—a Sinclair ZX80 and then a ZX81. The enormous potential of these very moderately priced machines for archaeological projects was quickly evident. Not only are they reasonably accurate and extremely reliable, but also their versatility raised the possibility of use for other forms of scientific research such as the handling of complex mathematical formulae for statistical and other purposes. The graphics offer a great variety of displays, and the Sinclair Basic with its one keystroke entries is very user-friendly.

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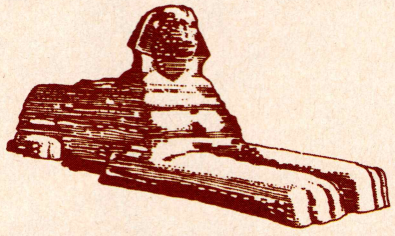
After developing a suitable program, I found that I could work at ten times the speed I had been used to. As a result, a project that was calculated to take at least ten years to complete could be finished and properly published early in 1982. (If you are interested in the results of this study and the kind of analysis made possible by the ZX81, you can find it in my article in *The Journal of the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities* January 1982, and in my book *A Reappraisal of the Published Evidence on Predynastic and Early Dynastic Cemeteries* Toronto, 1982.)

The program below can be used on a ZX80 (8K ROM) since it was designed in FAST mode for greater speed and we took care to include the required POKEs after every PAUSE. Since ZX81 owners have a choice of FAST or SLOW, they will have to change if necessary, line 2 of the program.



Both machines allow a maximum of 90 entries (or tombs in this case) with the 16K RAM pack. Those who own a 64K RAM pack (which actually provides 48K RAM for normal Basic use), by the simple procedure of raising RAMTOP to the 64K location area will be able to enter as many as 1,000 tombs. In our case the addon was Memotech's MEMPAK 64K which has an initial powerup RAMTOP of 16K which can be increased to the maximum possible value by POKEing 16389,255, and NEWLINE, then NEW and NEWLINE. For other memory expansion packs the procedure may vary so the user should consult his manual.

With slight modifications, this program can be adapted to other categories of archaeological data such as pottery, artefacts, or settlement research.

The possibilities of the ZX81 are not exhausted by this program. Among other things, the high resolution capabilities of the ZX Printer enabled us to write a program which generated user-designed characters, in our case, Egyptian hieroglyphics. This feature could be easily used to print Chinese characters, Russian or Greek letters, or a lower-case set of letters. Our program works like a typewriter sending into memory one character every time a key is pressed, by the time 32 have been entered, the printer prints a line and is ready for the next one. In this case one of the much-criticized features of the ZX81, namely, the flat keyboard, proved to be very convenient since it allows the user to place opaque overlays in which the Sinclair keyboard characters have been replaced by others. Thus we could use the keyboard directly without constant consultation of lists or tables.

I hope that our results will be a source of inspiration to fellow archaeologists and other researchers who are still toiling away with pen and paper or competing for time at the big university computers and that they will be persuaded to switch to more efficient and remarkably economical ways of handling their data such as those offered by the ZX81.

Program Notes

The SYNCSUM for this program as listed is 103. Note that this program should only be RUN once and that is when you will start to enter your data. After that, go back to the menu by entering GOTO 120. Otherwise you will lose your variables which are cleared by RUN.

The program is mostly self-explanatory, but a few comments on some of the lines may help other users to adapt it to their work.

1-40: These lines define variables and reserve space for them. If you plan to make 1,000 entries, change line 32 to read R$ (1000,32) and attach a 64K pack or a combination of other RAM packs to a total of 48K.

It is advisable to dimension R$ to the value you need and no more because the ZX81 gets increasingly slow as you raise RAMTOP. For this reason keep RAMTOP as low as possible.

Furthermore, you should be very careful when you dimension your arrays in lines 1 to 40, especially line 32, since once you define them and RUN the program to begin, you are stuck with them and only another RUN will enable you to modify them. This would result in the loss of all variables. While you enter your data, it would be wise to use number 8 in the menu from time to time so as to be aware of how much memory you still have available.

120-180: This is the menu. Lines 122-127 can be altered to describe the subject of the research and the units of measurement. (cm., inches, etc.).

2500-2860: This subroutine displays a record which has one given characteristic (certain size group of tombs or certain

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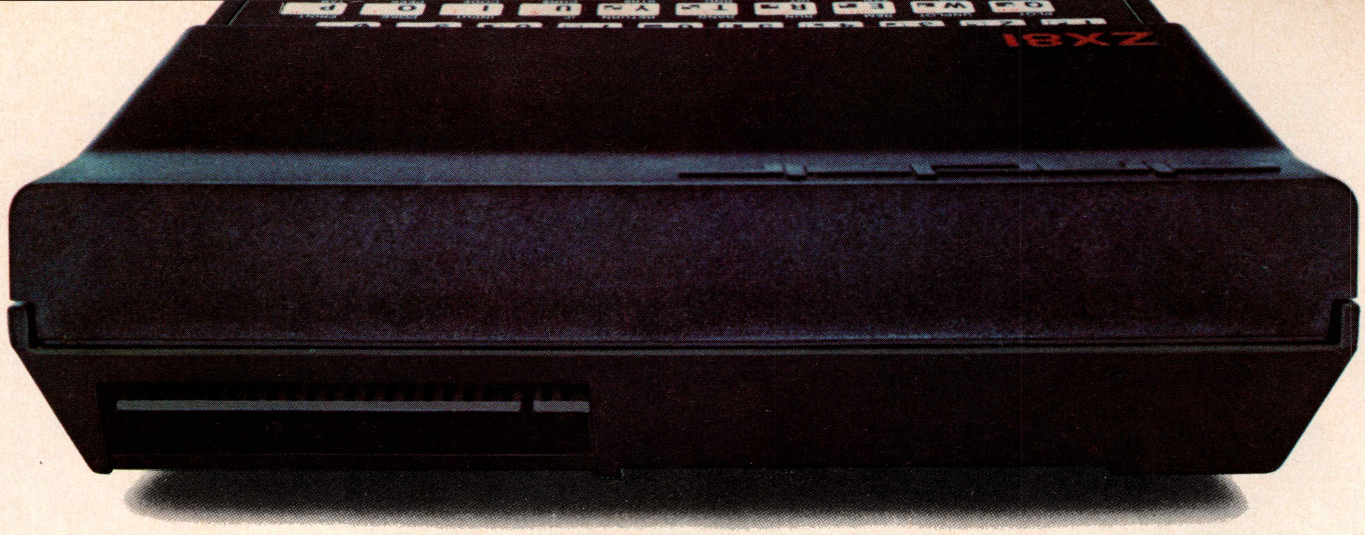

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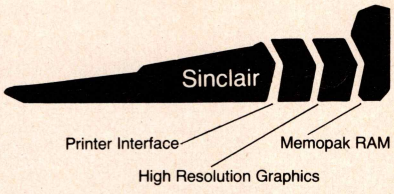

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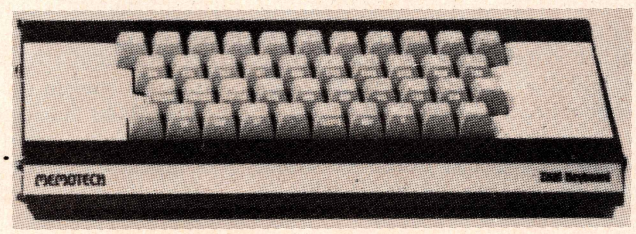

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shape, etc.) and at the same time, adds up the number of the records thus displayed so as to provide a total at the end of the search.

3500-3786: This routine is similar to the above but reserved for binary or multiple comparisons (i.e., tombs sharing more than one characteristic such as certain size group *and* the shape of the tomb *and* the sex of the occupant, etc.). The program STOPs at line 3515 to allow you to modify line 3754 to suit your needs. After this is done, press CONTINUE.

5000-5590: Since this subroutine is connected to number 1 in the menu which generates the file, special care was taken to make sure that the computer will only accept valid entries. The code for the entries is given in Figure 1, but can be modified at will simply by changing the content of these lines. Number 4 in the menu alters the records and also uses this "safe" subroutine.

9300-9390: This subroutine analyzes the record numbers entered to make sure that they are valid.

You can SAVE the program at any stage by entering the command GOTO 9500. Make sure that you have started your tape recorder and also that your earphone wire is disconnected before you enter this command.

One drawback users will quickly identify is the length of time that SAVEing or LOADing 16K or more takes at the ZX81's leisurely pace of 250 BAUD. However, the use of a QSAVE machine, which by-passes the computer's ROM SAVE and LOAD routines and carries out the task at a speedy rate of 4000 BAUD, cut down the waiting time from over six minutes to only 25 seconds. If you use a good quality tape recorder and spend some time finding the right volume setting, the QSAVE machine and accompanying software can be very reliable and perhaps even eliminate the need for more expensive stringy-floppy systems or disk drives.

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  1 REM [redacted]
  2 FAST
  3 DIM A$(4,4)
  4 DIM B$(4,1)
  6 DIM C$(1)
  8 DIM D$(3,1)
 10 DIM E$(4,1)
 12 DIM F$(2,3)
 14 DIM G$(2,3)
 16 DIM H$(2,3)
 18 DIM I$(5,1)
 20 DIM J$(3,1)
 22 DIM K$(5,1)
 24 DIM L$(6,2)
 26 DIM M$(4,1)
 28 DIM N$(2,2)
 30 DIM O$(2,1)
 32 DIM R$(90,32)
 34 DIM Z$(1)
 35 DIM X$(4)
 36 DIM W$(32)
 38 LET N=0
 40 LET C$=" "
120 CLS
121 PRINT
122 PRINT "EGYPTIAN PREDYNASTIC
AND EARLY"
123 PRINT "DYNASTIC CEMETERIES-
"
124 PRINT
127 PRINT "(MEASUREMENTS IN
)"
128 PRINT
129 PRINT
130 PRINT
132 PRINT "1 - ADD A RECORD"
135 PRINT "2 - SORT RECORDS"
140 PRINT "3 - DELETE A RECORD"
145 PRINT "4 - CHANGE A RECORD"
150 PRINT "5 - DISPLAY A RECORD
"
155 PRINT "6 - LIST THE FILE"
156 PRINT "7 - OTHER ROUTINES"
157 PRINT "8 - CURRENT MEMORY S
ITUATION"
158 PRINT AT 19,0;"ENTER NO. RE
QUIRED OR 0 TO STOP"
160 INPUT Z$
165 IF Z$="0" THEN STOP
170 LET MO=CODE Z$-28
175 IF MO<1 OR MO>8 THEN GOTO 1
60
180 GOTO 500*MO
500 LET RN=N+1
510 GOSUB 5000
520 IF RN=N+2 THEN LET N=N+1
530 PRINT AT 20,0;"PRESS NEWLIN
E TO ADD RECORD ";RN
540 PRINT AT 21,6;"OR M FOR MEN
U"
550 INPUT Z$
560 IF Z$=" " THEN GOTO 510
570 IF Z$="M" THEN GOTO 120
580 GOTO 550
1000 CLS
1002 PRINT AT 20,0;"SORTING..."
1003 PRINT AT 2,0;"THIS PROGRAM
SORTS BY TOMB"
1004 PRINT AT 4,0;"NUMBER. SORT
BY OTHER VARIABLES"
1005 PRINT AT 6,0;"MODIFYING AT
WILL LINE 1020."
1007 PAUSE 500
1008 POKE 16437,255
1009 FOR P=N-1 TO 1 STEP -1
1010 FOR Q=1 TO P
1020 IF R$(Q,1 TO 4)<=R$(Q+1,1 T
O 4) THEN GOTO 1060
1030 LET W$=R$(Q)
1035 LET R$(Q)=R$(Q+1)
1040 LET R$(Q+1)=W$
1060 NEXT Q
1070 NEXT P
1080 PRINT AT 20,0;"SORT COMPLET
ED"
1090 PAUSE 400
1100 POKE 16437,255
1110 GOTO 120
1500 CLS
1505 PRINT AT 20,0;"ENTER NO. OF
 RECORD FOR DELETION"
1510 INPUT X$
1520 GOSUB 9300
1522 IF NOT OK THEN GOTO 1510
1524 LET D=VN
1530 PRINT AT 21,0;"DELETING..."
1540 FOR I=D TO N-1
1550 LET R$(I)=R$(I+1)
1560 NEXT I
1570 LET N=N-1
1580 CLS
1590 PRINT AT 19,0;"RECORD ";D;"
 HAS BEEN DELETED"
1600 PRINT AT 20,0;"PRESS NEWLIN
E FOR MORE DELETIONS"
1610 PRINT AT 21,6;"OR M FOR MEN
U"
1620 INPUT Z$
1630 IF Z$=" " THEN GOTO 1500
1640 IF Z$="M" THEN GOTO 120
1650 GOTO 1620
2000 CLS
2010 PRINT AT 20,0;"ENTER NUMBER
 OF RECORD"
2020 INPUT X$
2030 GOSUB 9300
2040 IF NOT OK THEN GOTO 2020
2050 LET RN=VN
2100 GOSUB 5000
2200 PRINT AT 20,0;"PRESS NEWLIN
E TO CHANGE ANOTHER"
2210 PRINT AT 21,6;"OR M FOR MEN
U"
2220 INPUT Z$
2230 IF Z$=" " THEN GOTO 2000
2240 IF Z$="M" THEN GOTO 120
2250 GOTO 2220
2500 CLS
2510 PRINT AT 2,0;"SPECIFY ONE O
F THE FOLLOWING:"
2520 PRINT AT 4,0;"[redacted]
"
2522 PRINT "[redacted]"
2524 PRINT "[redacted]"
2525 PRINT "[redacted]"
2528 PRINT "[redacted]"
2530 PRINT "[redacted]"
2532 PRINT "[redacted]"
2534 PRINT "[redacted]"
"
2536 PRINT "[redacted]"
2538 PRINT "[redacted]"
2540 PRINT "[redacted]
[redacted]"
2542 PRINT "[redacted]
[redacted]"
2544 PRINT "[redacted]
[redacted]"
2546 PRINT "[redacted]
[redacted]"
2548 PRINT AT 20,0;"ENTER VALUE
OR NEWLINE FOR EACH"
2550 INPUT A$(4)
2552 PRINT AT 4,14;A$(4)
2554 INPUT B$(1)
2556 PRINT AT 5,14;B$(1)
2558 INPUT D$(1)
2560 PRINT AT 6,12;D$(1)
2562 INPUT E$(1)
2564 PRINT AT 7,12;E$(1)
2566 INPUT F$(1)
2568 PRINT AT 8,8;F$(1)
2570 INPUT G$(1)
2572 PRINT AT 9,8;G$(1)
2574 INPUT H$(1)
2576 PRINT AT 10,8;H$(1)
2578 INPUT I$(1)
2580 PRINT AT 11,22;I$(1)
2582 INPUT J$(1)
2584 PRINT AT 12,22;J$(1)
2586 INPUT K$(1)
2588 PRINT AT 13,22;K$(1)
2590 INPUT L$(1)
2592 PRINT AT 14,30;L$(1)
2594 INPUT M$(1)
2596 PRINT AT 15,25;M$(1)
2598 INPUT N$(1)
2600 PRINT AT 16,26;N$(1)
2602 INPUT O$(1)
2604 PRINT AT 17,27;O$(1)
2650 PRINT AT 20,0;"SEARCHING...
"
2652 PAUSE 200
2654 POKE 16437,255
2655 LET T=0
2660 FOR Q=1 TO N
2670 IF R$(Q,1 TO 4)=A$(4) OR R$
(Q,5)=B$(1) OR R$(Q,7)=D$(1) OR
R$(Q,8)=E$(1) OR R$(Q,10 TO 12)=
F$(1) OR R$(Q,14 TO 16)=G$(1) OR
 R$(Q,18 TO 20)=H$(1) OR R$(Q,22
)=I$(1) OR R$(Q,23)=J$(1) OR R$(
Q,24)=K$(1) OR R$(Q,26 TO 27)=L$
(1) OR R$(Q,28)=M$(1) OR R$(Q,29
 TO 30)=N$(1) OR R$(Q,32)=O$(1)
THEN GOTO 2715
2680 NEXT Q
2690 CLS
2700 PRINT AT 10,5;"NO RECORD FO
UND"
2705 PRINT AT 4,1;"LAST DISPLAY
WAS NO. ";T
2710 GOTO 2810
2715 LET T=T+1
2716 CLS
2718 PRINT
2720 PRINT TAB 10;"RECORD NO. ";
Q
2722 PRINT AT 4,0;"DISPLAY NO. "
;T
2730 PRINT AT 12,0;R$(Q,1 TO 4);
R$(Q,5);C$;R$(Q,7);R$(Q,8);C$;R$
(Q,10 TO 12);C$;R$(Q,14 TO 16);C
$;R$(Q,18 TO 20);C$;R$(Q,22);R$(
Q,23);R$(Q,24);C$;R$(Q,26 TO 27)
;R$(Q,28);R$(Q,29 TO 30);C$;R$(Q
,32)
2810 PRINT AT 20,0;"PRESS NEWLIN
E FOR ANOTHER RECORD"
2820 PRINT AT 21,6;"OR M FOR MEN
U"
2830 INPUT Z$
2840 IF Z$=" " THEN GOTO 2680
2850 IF Z$="M" THEN GOTO 120
2860 GOTO 2830
3000 CLS
3010 PRINT TAB 10;"LIST RECORDS"
3011 PRINT AT 3,0;"TOTAL: ";N;"
RECORDS IN MEMORY"
3020 PRINT AT 20,0;"DO YOU WANT
A FULL LIST, Y OR N?"
3030 INPUT Z$
3040 IF Z$="Y" THEN GOTO 3065
3050 IF Z$="N" THEN GOTO 120
3060 GOTO 3030
3065 CLS
3070 FOR Z=1 TO N
3080 SCROLL
3090 PRINT AT 21,0;R$(Z,1 TO 4);
R$(Z,5);C$;R$(Z,7);R$(Z,8);C$;R$
(Z,10 TO 12);C$;R$(Z,14 TO 16);C
$;R$(Z,18 TO 20);C$;R$(Z,22);R$(
Z,23);R$(Z,24);C$;R$(Z,26 TO 27)
;R$(Z,28);R$(Z,29 TO 30);C$;R$(Z
,32)
3105 PAUSE 100
3110 POKE 16437,255
3111 NEXT Z
3115 PAUSE 1000
3116 POKE 16437,255
3120 GOTO 120
3500 CLS
3510 PRINT AT 1,0;"FOR BINARY
MULTIPLE COMPARISON"
3511 PRINT AT 2,0;"ADJUST LINE 3
754 IN PROGRAM"
3515 STOP
3520 PRINT AT 3,0;"SPECIFY SOME
OF THE FOLLOWING:"
3530 PRINT AT 4,0;"[redacted]
"
3540 PRINT "[redacted]"
3550 PRINT "[redacted]"
3560 PRINT "[redacted]"
3570 PRINT "[redacted]"
3580 PRINT "[redacted]"
3590 PRINT "[redacted]"
3600 PRINT "[redacted]
"
3610 PRINT "[redacted]"
3620 PRINT "[redacted]"
3630 PRINT "[redacted]
[redacted]"
3640 PRINT "[redacted]
[redacted]"
3650 PRINT "[redacted]
"
3660 PRINT "[redacted]
[redacted]"
3670 PRINT AT 20,0;"ENTER VALUE
OR NEWLINE FOR EACH"
3680 INPUT A$(4)
3690 PRINT AT 4,14;A$(4)
3692 INPUT B$(1)
3694 PRINT AT 5,14;B$(1)
3696 INPUT D$(1)
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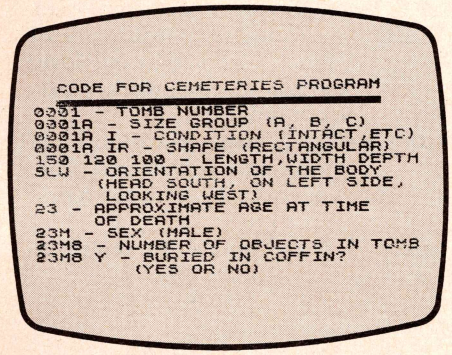
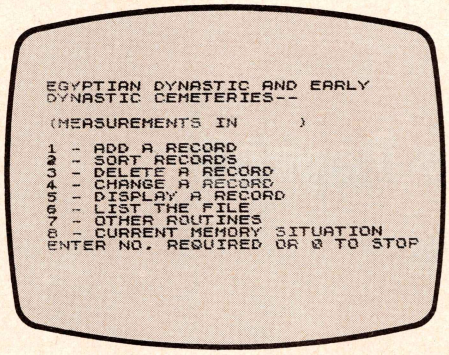
Figure 1.





Variables Used

Arrays A$ to O$: These arrays determine the content of the file. Change the PRINT statements related to them and their dimensions in order to adapt this program to your own research parameters.

Array R$: Contains all other arrays and forms a unit (tomb, dwelling, workshop, etc.).

Arrays Z$ to W$: General utility arrays used throughout the program as the need arises.

N, RN, VN, D, etc.: These numeric variables control the number of units (e.g., tombs) on file. ■

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3698 PRINT AT 6,12;D$(1)
3700 INPUT E$(1)
3702 PRINT AT 7,12;E$(1)
3704 INPUT F$(1)
3706 PRINT AT 8,8;F$(1)
3708 INPUT G$(1)
3710 PRINT AT 9,8;G$(1)
3712 INPUT H$(1)
3714 PRINT AT 10,8;H$(1)
3716 INPUT I$(1)
3718 PRINT AT 11,22;I$(1)
3720 INPUT J$(1)
3722 PRINT AT 12,22;J$(1)
3724 INPUT K$(1)
3726 PRINT AT 13,22;K$(1)
3728 INPUT L$(1)
3730 PRINT AT 14,50;L$(1)
3732 INPUT M$(1)
3734 PRINT AT 15,25;M$(1)
3736 INPUT N$(1)
3738 PRINT AT 16,26;N$(1)
3740 INPUT O$(1)
3742 PRINT AT 17,27;O$(1)
3744 PRINT AT 20,0;"SEARCHING...
                "
3746 PAUSE 200
3748 POKE 16437,255
3750 LET T=0
3752 FOR Q=1 TO N
3754 IF R$(Q,1 TO 4)=A$(4) OR R$
(Q,5)=B$(1) OR R$(Q,7)=D$(1) OR
R$(Q,8)=E$(1) OR R$(Q,10 TO 12)=
F$(1) OR R$(Q,14 TO 16)=G$(1) OR
 R$(Q,18 TO 20)=H$(1) OR R$(Q,22
)=I$(1) OR R$(Q,25)=J$(1) OR R$(
Q,24)=K$(1) OR R$(Q,26 TO 27)=L$
(1) OR R$(Q,28)=M$(1) OR R$(Q,29
 TO 30)=N$(1) OR R$(Q,32)=O$(1)
THEN GOTO 3764
3756 NEXT Q
3758 CLS
3760 PRINT AT 10,5;"NO RECORD FO
UND"
3761 PRINT AT 4,1;"LAST DISPLAY
WAS NO. ";T
3762 GOTO 3776
3764 LET T=T+1
3766 CLS
3768 PRINT
3770 PRINT TAB 10;"RECORD NO. ";
Q
3772 PRINT AT 4,0;"DISPLAY NO. "
;T
3774 PRINT AT 12,0;R$(Q,1 TO 4);
R$(Q,5);C$;R$(Q,7);R$(Q,8);C$;R$
(Q,10 TO 12);C$;R$(Q,14 TO 16);C
$;R$(Q,18 TO 20);C$;R$(Q,22);R$(
Q,23);R$(Q,24);C$;R$(Q,26 TO 27)
;R$(Q,28);R$(Q,29 TO 30);C$;R$(Q
,32)
3776 PRINT AT 20,0;"PRESS NEWLIN
E FOR ANOTHER RECORD"
3778 PRINT AT 21,6;"OR M FOR MEN
U"
3780 INPUT Z$
3782 IF Z$=" " THEN GOTO 3756
3784 IF Z$="M" THEN GOTO 120
3786 GOTO 3780
4000 CLS
4010 PRINT AT 5,0;"PROGRAM TAKES
 ";PEEK 16396+256*PEEK 16397-165
09;" BYTES."
4020 PRINT AT 8,0;"VARIABLES TAK
E ";PEEK 16404+256*PEEK 16405-PE
EK 16400-256*PEEK 16401;" BYTES.
"
4030 PRINT AT 11,0;"DISPLAY TAKE
S ";PEEK 16400+256*PEEK 16401-PE
EK 16396-256*PEEK 16397;" BYTES.
"
4040 PRINT AT 14,0;"YOU HAVE ";P
EEK 16385+256*PEEK 16387-PEEK 16
412-256*PEEK 16413;" BYTES STILL
AVAILABLE."
4100 PAUSE 1000
4200 POKE 16437,255
4300 GOTO 120
5000 CLS
5010 PRINT AT 2,0;"ENTRY OF RECO
RD NUMBER ";RN
5020 PRINT AT 4,0;"[CODE NO.] ";
5030 INPUT A$(1)
5031 IF A$(1)<="0000" OR A$(1)>"
9999" THEN GOTO 5030
5035 PRINT A$(1)
5040 PRINT "[SIZE GROUP] ";
5045 INPUT B$(1)
5046 IF B$(1)="A" OR B$(1)="B" O
R B$(1)="C" OR B$(1)="-" THEN GO
TO 5050
5047 GOTO 5045
5050 PRINT B$(1)
5055 PRINT "[CONDITION] ";
5060 INPUT D$(1)
5061 IF D$(1)="I" OR D$(1)="V" O
R D$(1)="-" THEN GOTO 5065
5062 GOTO 5060
5065 PRINT D$(1)
5070 PRINT "[SHAPE] ";
5075 INPUT E$(1)
5076 IF E$(1)="R" OR E$(1)="C" O
R E$(1)="O" OR E$(1)="-" THEN GO
TO 5080
5077 GOTO 5075
5080 PRINT E$(1)
5085 PRINT "[LENGTH] ";
5090 INPUT F$(1)
5091 IF F$(1)="---" THEN GOTO 50
95
5093 IF F$(1)<="000" OR F$(1)>"9
99" THEN GOTO 5090
5095 PRINT F$(1)
5100 PRINT "[WIDTH] ";
5105 INPUT G$(1)
5106 IF G$(1)="---" THEN GOTO 51
10
5107 IF G$(1)<="000" OR G$(1)>"9
99" THEN GOTO 5105
5110 PRINT G$(1)
5115 PRINT "[DEPTH] ";
5120 INPUT H$(1)
5121 IF H$(1)="---" THEN GOTO 51
25
5122 IF H$(1)<="000" OR H$(1)>"9
99" THEN GOTO 5120
5125 PRINT H$(1)
5130 PRINT "[BODY-HEAD POINTING]
";
5135 INPUT I$(1)
5136 IF I$(1)="N" OR I$(1)="E" O
R I$(1)="S" OR I$(1)="W" OR I$(1
)="-" THEN GOTO 5140
5137 GOTO 5135
5140 PRINT I$(1)
5145 PRINT "[BODY-SIDE ON] ";
5150 INPUT J$(1)
5151 IF J$(1)="R" OR J$(1)="L" O
R J$(1)="-" THEN GOTO 5155
5152 GOTO 5150
5155 PRINT J$(1)
5160 PRINT "[BODY-HEAD FACING] ";
5165 INPUT K$(1)
5166 IF K$(1)="N" OR K$(1)="E" O
R K$(1)="S" OR K$(1)="W" OR K$(1
)="-" THEN GOTO 5170
5167 GOTO 5165
5170 PRINT K$(1)
5175 PRINT "[BODY-AGE IN YEARS O
R APPROX.] ";
5178 INPUT L$(1)
5180 IF L$(1)="0A" OR L$(1)="YA"
 OR L$(1)="MA" OR L$(1)="?A" OR
L$(1)="--" THEN GOTO 5186
5181 IF L$(1)>"A" THEN GOTO 5179
5182 IF L$(1)>"99" OR L$(1)<"00"
 THEN GOTO 5179
5183 IF L$(1)>="00" OR L$(1)<="9
9" THEN GOTO 5186
5186 PRINT L$(1)
5190 PRINT "[BODY-SEX OR IF CHILD
]";
5195 INPUT M$(1)
5196 IF M$(1)="M" OR M$(1)="F" O
R M$(1)="C" OR M$(1)="-" THEN GO
TO 5200
5197 GOTO 5195
5200 PRINT M$(1)
5205 PRINT "[NUMBER OF OBJECTS F
OUND]
";
5210 INPUT N$(1)
5211 IF N$(1)<"00" OR N$(1)>"99"
 THEN GOTO 5210
5215 PRINT N$(1)
5220 PRINT "[WOODEN OR CLAY COFF
IN]
";
5225 INPUT O$(1)
5226 IF O$(1)="Y" OR O$(1)="N" T
HEN GOTO 5230
5227 GOTO 5225
5230 PRINT O$(1)
5400 PRINT AT 19,0;"IS THIS CORR
ECT, Y OR N?"
5420 INPUT Z$
5430 IF Z$="N" THEN GOTO 5570
5440 IF Z$="Y" THEN GOTO 5460
5450 GOTO 5420
5460 LET R$(RN,1 TO 4)=A$(1)
5461 LET R$(RN,5)=B$(1)
5462 LET R$(RN,7)=D$(1)
5463 LET R$(RN,8)=E$(1)
5464 LET R$(RN,10 TO 12)=F$(1)
5465 LET R$(RN,14 TO 16)=G$(1)
5466 LET R$(RN,18 TO 20)=H$(1)
5467 LET R$(RN,22)=I$(1)
5468 LET R$(RN,25)=J$(1)
5469 LET R$(RN,24)=K$(1)
5470 LET R$(RN,26 TO 27)=L$(1)
5471 LET R$(RN,28)=M$(1)
5472 LET R$(RN,29 TO 30)=N$(1)
5473 LET R$(RN,32)=O$(1)
5540 PRINT AT 19,0;"RECORD HAS B
EEN ADDED TO FILE"
5550 LET RN=RN+1
5560 RETURN
5570 CLS
5580 PRINT AT 19,0;"ENTRY CANCEL
LED"
5590 RETURN
9300 LET OK=0
9310 IF X$(1)=" " THEN RETURN
9320 FOR I=1 TO 4
9330 IF X$(I)=" " OR X$(I)<="9"
AND X$(I)>="0" THEN GOTO 9350
9340 RETURN
9350 NEXT I
9360 LET VN=VAL X$
9370 IF VN>N OR VN=0 THEN RETURN

9380 LET OK=1
9390 RETURN
9400 STOP
9500 SAVE "CEMETERIES"
9500 GOTO 120
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Graphics line notes

Enter the following line texts in inverse form:

1: RUN ONLY TO START A FILE OTHERWISE JUST ENTER GOTO 120.
2520: TOMB NUMBER:
2522: SIZE GROUP:
2524: CONDITION:
2526: SHAPE:
2528: LENGTH:
2530: WIDTH:
2532: DEPTH:
2534: BODY-HEAD POINTING:
2536: BODY-SIDE ON:
2538: BODY-HEAD FACING:
2540: BODY-AGE IN YEARS OR APPROX.:
2542: BODY-SEX OR IF CHILD:
2544: NUMBER OF OBJECTS FOUND:
2546: WOODEN OR CLAY COFFIN:

These texts except for line 1 are repeated in lines 3530 to 3660 and lines 5020, 5040, 5055, 5070, 5085, 5100, 5115, 5130, 5145, 5160, 5175, 5190, 5205, 5220.

8K ROM; 16K RAM

A Small Business Payroll Program

Alan Pattison

Every business with paid employees has the complicated task of doing its payroll. The program in this article will provide accurate payroll information for up to 35 employees. If the number of employees is greater then 35, the list can be broken down into shorter lists and the results combined where needed.

When the program is activated, the names of the employees are typed in and the pertinent employment information is entered. Then for each pay period, the hours worked by each employee are entered. The computer will then provide a detailed payroll list indicating: 1) each employee's gross pay, 2) itemized deductions withheld, and 3) the employee's net pay.

It also provides a payroll summary of total wages, itemized deductions, and net wages, as well as an "employer cost list." The latter not only lists the gross wages paid to each employee but also enumerates the fringe benefits paid by the employer. This gives the total cost to the employer for each employee for that pay period.

A routine is included for calling up any individual employee's record and making changes if necessary. New employees may be added without destroying the records of those already listed.

Lines 1000-1300 contain the routine for computing monthly U.S. withholding taxes. The routine listed is for the period ending July 1983 on a monthly payroll basis. You will need to change it when a new withholding tax table becomes effective, or if your payroll period is other than monthly. Circular E of the Internal Revenue Service includes tables for the percentage method of withholding. Refer to it if you need to make any changes. Use the listed routine as the format for your changes.

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Multi-line print statements under one list number are purposely entered as such; e.g., lines 720, 900, and 4050. In running an employee's record, since it can be confusing to have part of the record at the bottom on the screen, enter "CONTinue," and have the balance at the top of the next screen. By putting the employee's entire multi-line print statement after one line number, the screen will repeat the entire record on the next screen if it is cut short. (You can accomplish the same thing entering several line numbers with shorter print statements by entering a semi-colon (;) at the end of each line and starting each line with a TAB. However, memory is tight in this program so you might have to eliminate some frills to do it.)

Once you have entered the entire listing, RUN it, and the menu will appear. Enter menu item #9 (Exit Program) and SAVE it on tape. After you have SAVEd it, the menu will appear on the screen again. Enter menu item #10 and your listing 5000-6100 will be on the screen. These lines consist of LET statements for variables relating to employee deductions and benefits provided by employer. (A GOSUB/RETURN loop runs through them when you start a new employee list. They should be changed to fit your requirements. In the program as set up these variables represent the following:

SDI—State Disability Insurance (amount employee is assessed against each hour worked.)

IA—Industrial Accident (amount employer is assessed against each hour employee works.

FICA—Social Security (percentage applied against employee's gross wage to compute amount of social security he pays. Employer pays the same amount.)

XMT—Amount Internal Revenue allows for each dependent in computing withholding tax.

HI—Health Insurance (premium paid by employer for each employee).

RET—Retirement (percentage of gross salary paid by employer toward an employee's retirement fund).

RETX—Retirement (percentage of gross salary deducted from employee toward his retirement fund).

Press C and ENTER to return to menu.

Menu Routines

1) Start New Employee List

This routine will ask you how many employees you have, then prompts you to type in each name (last name first), hourly pay, marital status, number of tax exemptions, and employment status. Employment status: 0—former employee, 1—currently working, 2—has reached maximum social security wages. (2 would not be entered until an employee's wages reach the maximum as explained below.)

2) See List of Employees

The computer will list each employee and the pertinent information you have entered.

3) Enter Working Hours

The computer will show each employee's name and hourly wage scale and ask for actual hours worked for each week in month. When you have entered them all, it will show each employee's gross wage, rate of pay, hours worked, each deduction, and the net pay.

4) See Payroll list

This is the payroll list as described in 3.

5) See/Change Employee Record

You are asked to enter the name of the employee (a few letters of the last name are usually sufficient.) The computer will then print everything you have entered for that employee plus all payroll computations. If you wish to change any of the data for that specific individual, you enter 3 after which you will be asked if you wish to change each datum (Y/N), one by one. If you respond with a Y, you will be asked to input the change. After changes have been made, the corrected employee's record will be produced.

If you change an employee's status to 2, you are indicating he has reached the maximum salary on which Social Security needs to be paid. The computer will ask you to enter the amount of the employee's wages for that month on which social security should be paid.

6) See Employer Costs

This routine will give each employee's name, gross pay, and all the additional benefits besides wages paid by the employer that month.

AARDVARK — THE ADVENTURE PLACE

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TREK ADVENTURE by Bob Retelle — This one takes place aboard a familiar starship and is a must for trekkies. The problem is a familiar one — The ship is in a "decaying orbit" (the Captain never could learn to park!) and the engines are out (You would think that in all those years, they would have learned to build some that didn't die once a week). Your options are to start the engine, save the ship, get off the ship, or die. Good Luck.

Authors note to players — I wrote this one with a concordance in hand. It is very accurate — and a lot of fun. It was nice to wander around the ship instead of watching it on T.V.

CIRCLE WORLD by Bob Anderson — The Alien culture has built a huge world in the shape of a ring circling their sun. They left behind some strange creatures and a lot of advanced technology. Unfortunately, the world is headed for destruction and it is your job to save it before it plunges into the sun!

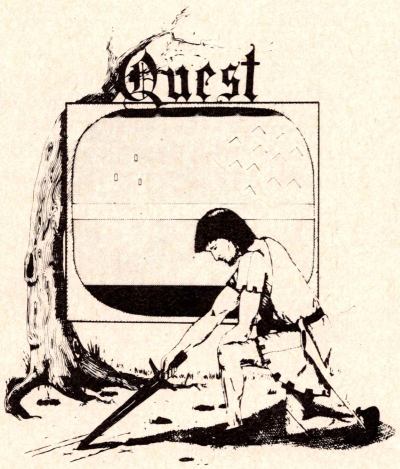
Editors note to players — In keeping with the large scale of Circle World, the author wrote a very large adventure. It has a lot of rooms and a lot of objects in them. It is a very convoluted, very complex adventure. One of our largest. Not available on OSI.

HAUNTED HOUSE by Bob Anderson — This one is for the kids. The house has ghosts, goblins, vampires and treasures — and problems designed for the 8 to 13 year old. This is a real adventure and does require some thinking and problem solving — but only for kids.

Authors note to players—This one was fun to write. The vocabulary and characters were designed for younger players and lots of things happen when they give the computer commands. This one teaches logical thought, mapping skills, and creativity while keeping their interest.

DERELICT by Rodger Olsen and Bob Anderson — For Wealth and Glory, you have to ransack a thousand year old space ship. You'll have to learn to speak their language and operate the machinery they left behind. The hardest problem of all is to live through it.

Authors note to players — This adventure is the new winner in the "Toughest Adventure at Aardvark Sweepstakes". Our most difficult problem in writing the adventure was to keep it logical and realistic. There are no irrational traps and sudden senseless deaths in Derelict. This ship was designed to be perfectly safe for its' builders. It just happens to be deadly to alien invaders like you.



NUCLEAR SUB by Bob Retelle — You start at the bottom of the ocean in a wrecked Nuclear Sub. There is literally no way to go but up. Save the ship, raise her, or get out of her before she blows or start WWIII.

Editors note to players—This was actually plotted by Rodger Olsen, Bob Retelle, and someone you don't know — Three of the nastiest minds in adventure writing. It is devious, wicked, and kills you often. The TRS-80 Color version has nice sound and special effects.

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Authors note to players — This one feels good. Not only is it designed for the younger set (see note on Haunted House), but it also plays nicely. Instead of killing, you have to save lives to win this one. The player must help others first if he/she is to survive — I like that.

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Authors note to players — This is a very entertaining and very tough adventure. I left clues everywhere but came up with some ingenous problems. This one has captivated people so much that I get calls daily from as far away as New Zealand and France from bleary eyed people who are stuck in the Pyramid and desperate for more clues.

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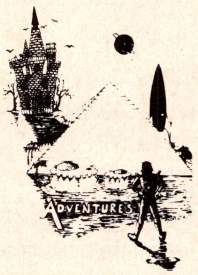
Authors note to players — This is highly recommended as a first adventure. It is in no way simple—playing time normally runs from 30 to 50 hours — but it is constructed in a more "open" manner to let you try out adventuring and get used to the game before you hit the really tough problems.



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7) Add an Employee

This routine first lists current employees, then asks for the name of the employee you wish to add, followed by all the other pertinent information. You end entries by typing RETURN.

8) Look at Payroll Summary

The summary includes the name of the pay period, total employees working, total hours worked, total gross wages, totals of each deduction, and the total net wages.

9) and 10) have already been discussed.

When you up-date the program for your own needs, keep in mind that the program as it is, with present DIM statements, has reserved most of the memory. If you need more memory, you could decrease the number of employees allowed by revising the DIM statements and FOR/NEXT loops. Or you could eliminate some of the frills which are not essential to the basic program.

The search routine (menu item #5) limits the name you enter to seven characters which should be adequate. If you have more than one identical name in your employ, you may want to raise this limit. You will have to free up some more memory as indicated in the preceding paragraph, then change line 1725.

Variables

A$ —Name of employee
F$ —Payroll period
X$ —Graphic line S
Y$ —Graphic lind D
N —Employee number
H() —Hourly pay
M() —Marital status
X() —Tax exemptions
C() —Employment status
Q() —Week 1 hours
R() —Week 2 hours
S() —Week 3 hours
T() —Week 4 hours
U() —Week 5 hours
P() —Total hours for each employee
G() —Gross pay for each employee
W() —Gross pay less deductions for withholding exemptions
D() —State disability insurance withheld
F() —Social Security withheld
I() —U.S. withholding tax withheld
J() —Retirement withheld
Z() —Maximum FICA wage adjustment
SDI —Percentage for computing State Disability Insurance
FICA —Percentage for computing Social Security payment
XMT —Income tax deduction per exemption
HI —Health insurance premium paid by employer
RET —Percentage used to compute employer's share of retirement payment
RETX —Percentage used to compute employee's share of retirement payment
IA —Percentage used to compute Industrial Accident premium paid by employer
L —Cost per employee
LL —Total cost of employees
B(1) —Working variable to compute totals of categories
I$() —Variable used in search routine
C$ —Variable used in search routine

Working variables: A, J, E, Z, Y, K, M$, V, B$, GM

```
  10 REM "PAYROLL"
  11 LET X$="
  12 PRINT TAB 6;"
  14 PRINT TAB 6;"
  15 LET Y$="
  16 PRINT TAB 6;"  PAYROLL  REC
ORDS  "
  18 PRINT TAB 6;"
  20 PRINT TAB 6;"
  22 PRINT
  24 PRINT "DO YOU WISH TO:"
  26 PRINT "*";TAB 2;"1)START NE
W EMPLOYEE LIST?"
  29 PRINT TAB 2;"2)SEE LIST OF
EMPLOYEES?"
  30 PRINT "*";TAB 2;"3)ENTER WO
RKING HOURS?"
  32 PRINT TAB 2;"4)SEE PAYROLL
LIST?"
  34 PRINT TAB 2;"5)SEE/CHANGE E
MPLOYEE RECORD?"
  36 PRINT TAB 2;"6)SEE EMPLOYER
 COSTS?"
  38 PRINT TAB 2;"7)ADD AN EMPLO
YEE?"
  39 PRINT TAB 2;"8)LOOK AT PAYR
OLL SUMMARY?"
  40 PRINT TAB 2;"9)EXIT PROGRAM
?"
  45 PRINT " 10)CHANGE COMPUTATI
ON VARIABLES"
  46 PRINT
  47 PRINT "ENTER YOUR CHOICE, 1
 TO 10."
  48 PRINT AT 20,0;"*CAUTION-""1
"" AND ""3"" WILL ERASE PREVIOUS
 ENTRIES."
  50 INPUT A
  53 IF A=1 THEN GOTO 100
  55 IF A=2 THEN GOTO 300
  60 IF A=3 THEN GOTO 500
  65 IF A=4 THEN GOTO 800
  70 IF A=5 THEN GOTO 1700
  75 IF A=6 THEN GOTO 4000
  80 IF A=7 THEN GOTO 2800
  82 IF A=8 THEN GOTO 3400
  85 IF A=9 THEN GOTO 1500
  87 IF A=10 THEN CLS
  88 IF A=10 THEN LIST 5000
  90 STOP
  95 GOTO 10
 100 CLS
 105 PRINT Y$
 110 PRINT TAB 8;"EMPLOYEE RECOR
DS"
 115 PRINT X$
 120 GOSUB 5000
 122 LET F$=""
 125 PRINT "HOW MANY EMPLOYEES A
RE TO BE     PRINTED?"
 128 DIM Q(35)
 130 DIM A$(35,15)
 132 DIM R(35)
 133 DIM Z(35)
 135 DIM H(35)
 137 DIM S(35)
 140 DIM M(35)
 142 DIM T(35)
 145 DIM X(35)
 147 DIM U(35)
 149 DIM P(35)
 150 DIM C(35)
 151 INPUT N
 152 CLS
 154 PRINT X$
 155 FOR E=1 TO 35
 160 PRINT "NAME:  ";
 165 INPUT A$(E)
 170 PRINT TAB 15;A$(E)
 175 PRINT "HOURLY PAY:  ";
 180 INPUT H(E)
 185 PRINT TAB 15;H(E)
 190 PRINT "MARITAL STAT:  ";
 195 INPUT M(E)
 200 PRINT TAB 15;M(E)
 205 PRINT "TAX EXEMPS:  ";
 210 INPUT X(E)
 215 PRINT TAB 15;X(E)
 220 PRINT "EMPL. STATUS:  ";
 225 INPUT C(E)
 230 PRINT TAB 15;C(E)
 232 LET J=E
 233 IF J=N THEN GOTO 300
 235 PRINT X$
 240 NEXT E
 300 CLS
 310 PRINT TAB 6;"
  320 PRINT TAB 6;"  EMPLOYEE RECO
RDS  "
  330 PRINT TAB 6;"
 335 FOR E=1 TO 35
 340 GOSUB 700
 380 IF J=N THEN GOTO 400
 390 NEXT E
 400 PRINT X$
 410 PRINT "END OF FILE."
 420 PRINT
 430 PRINT "HIT ANY KEY TO RETUR
N TO START."
 440 LET M$=INKEY$
 441 IF M$="" THEN GOTO 440
 445 CLS
 450 GOTO 5
 500 CLS
 505 PRINT Y$
 510 PRINT TAB 10;"WAGE ENTRIES"
 515 PRINT X$
 516 PRINT "TYPE THE PAYROLL PER
IOD."
 517 INPUT F$
 518 PRINT "PERIOD:  ";F$
 570 FOR E=1 TO 35
 575 IF C(E)=0 THEN LET P(E)=0
 577 IF C(E)=0 THEN GOTO 680
 578 PRINT X$
 580 PRINT E;TAB 4;A$(E);TAB 21;
"RATE:  ";H(E)
 590 PRINT TAB 7;"WEEK 1 HRS:  ";
 595 INPUT Q(E)
 600 PRINT Q(E)
 605 PRINT TAB 7;"WEEK 2 HRS:  ";
 610 INPUT R(E)
 615 PRINT R(E)
 620 PRINT TAB 7;"WEEK 3 HRS:  ";
 625 INPUT S(E)
 630 PRINT S(E)
 635 PRINT TAB 7;"WEEK 4 HRS:  ";
 640 INPUT T(E)
 645 PRINT T(E)
 650 PRINT TAB 7;"WEEK 5 HRS:  ";
 655 INPUT U(E)
 660 PRINT U(E)
 667 LET P(E)=Q(E)+R(E)+S(E)+T(E
)+U(E)
 670 PRINT TAB 7;"TOTAL:      ";
P(E)
 672 LET J=E
 678 IF J=N THEN GOTO 800
 680 NEXT E
 710 PRINT X$
 720 PRINT E;TAB 4;A$(E);TAB 20;
"STATUS:  ";TAB 29;C(E);TAB 4;"HR
LY PAY:  ";H(E);TAB 20;"MARITAL:
 ";M(E);TAB 4;"NO.EXEMPTIONS:  ";X
(E)
 730 IF C(E)=0 THEN PRINT TAB 8;
"FORMER EMPLOYEE"
 750 LET J=E
 760 RETURN
 800 CLS
 810 PRINT TAB 10;"
 820 PRINT TAB 10;"  PAYROLL  "
 830 PRINT TAB 10;"
 845 PRINT "PERIOD:  ";F$
 848 LET V=0
 850 DIM G(35)
 852 DIM J(35)
 855 DIM D(35)
 860 DIM F(35)
 865 DIM W(35)
 868 DIM I(35)
 870 FOR E=1 TO N
 872 IF C(E)=0 THEN GOTO 960
 875 PRINT X$
 880 LET G(E)=P(E)*H(E)
 885 LET D(E)=INT (100*(P(E)*SDI
)+.5)/100
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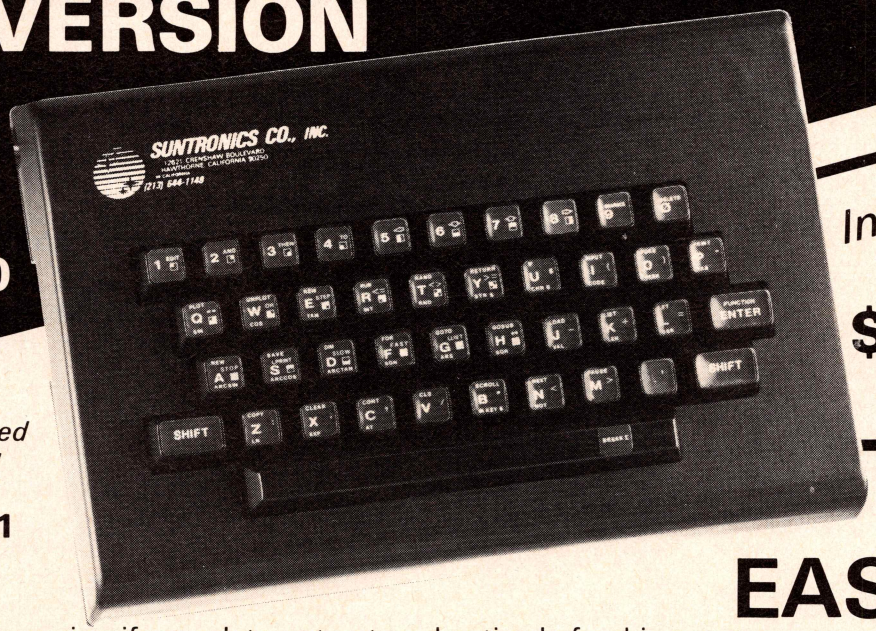

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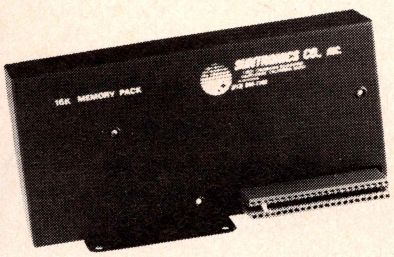

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 890 LET F(E)=INT (100*(G(E)*FIC
A)+.5)/100
 892 IF C(E)=2 THEN LET F(E)=Z(E
)
 893 LET J(E)=INT (100*(G(E)*RET
X)+.5)/100
 895 LET W(E)=G(E)-(XMT*X(E))
 898 GOSUB 1000
 899 IF V=E THEN RETURN
 900 PRINT E;TAB 4;A$(E);TAB 20;
"RATE:  ";H(E);TAB 4;"HRS.:";P(E)
;TAB 14;"GROSS PAY:$";TAB 25;G(E
);TAB 14;"S.D.I.:  ";TAB 25;D(E);
TAB 14;"RETIRE.:";TAB 25;J(E);TA
B 14;"F.I.C.A.:  ";TAB 25;F(E);TA
B 14;"INC. TAX:  ";TAB 25;I(E);TA
B 14;">NET PAY:  ";TAB 25;G(E)-D(
E)-J(E)-F(E)-I(E)
 960 NEXT E
 962 PRINT X$
 965 PRINT "END OF LIST."
 970 PRINT "HIT ANY KEY TO RETUR
N TO START."
 975 LET M$=INKEY$
 978 IF M$="" THEN GOTO 975
 980 CLS
 985 GOTO 5
1005 IF M(E)=1 OR M(E)=3 THEN GO
TO 1200
1010 IF W(E)<200 THEN LET I(E)=0
1020 IF W(E)<506 AND W(E)>200 TH
EN LET I(E)=.12*(W(E)-200)
1030 IF W(E)<998 AND W(E)>506 TH
EN LET I(E)=36.72+.16*(W(E)-506)
1040 IF W(E)<1545 AND W(E)>998 T
HEN LET I(E)=115.44+.19*(W(E)-99
8)
1050 IF W(E)<1967 AND W(E)>1545
THEN LET I(E)=219.37+.24*(W(E)-1
545)
1060 IF W(E)<2408 AND W(E)>1967
THEN LET I(E)=320.65+.27*(W(E)-1
967)
1070 IF W(E)<2850 AND W(E)>2408
THEN LET I(E)=439.72+.32*(W(E)-2
408)
1075 IF W(E)>2850 THEN LET I(E)=
531.16+.37*(W(E)-2850)
1080 GOTO 1300
1200 IF W(E)<117 THEN LET I(E)=0
1210 IF W(E)<267 AND W(E)>117 TH
EN LET I(E)=.12*(W(E)-117)
1220 IF W(E)<742 AND W(E)>267 TH
EN LET I(E)=18+.18*(W(E)-267)
1230 IF W(E)<1042 AND W(E)>742 T
HEN LET I(E)=94+.20*(W(E)-742)
1240 IF W(E)<1408 AND W(E)>1042
THEN LET I(E)=154+.24*(W(E)-1042
)
1250 IF W(E)<1875 AND W(E)>1408
THEN LET I(E)=241.84+.30*(W(E)-1
408)
1260 IF W(E)<2317 AND W(E)>1875
THEN LET I(E)=381.94+.34*(W(E)-1
875)
1270 IF W(E)>2317 THEN LET I(E)=
532.22+.37*(W(E)-2317)
1300 LET I(E)=INT (100*I(E)+.5)/
100
1310 RETURN
1500 CLS
1510 PRINT "YOU HAVE INDICATED Y
OU WISH TO  EXIT THIS PROGRAM."
1520 PRINT
1530 PRINT "IF YOU HAVE MADE ANY
 CHANGES--"
1540 PRINT
1550 PRINT "▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬
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3410 PRINT TAB 7;"
"
3420 PRINT TAB 7;"▮PAYROLL SUMMA
RY▮"
3430 PRINT TAB 7;"
"
3440 PRINT Y$
3450 PRINT "PERIOD: ";F$
3460 PRINT X$
3500 DIM B(1)
3505 FOR E=1 TO N
3510 LET B(1)=B(1)+1
3515 IF C(E)=0 THEN LET B(1)=B(1
)-1
3520 NEXT E
3530 PRINT "TOTAL EMPLOYEES WORK
ING: ";B(1)
3540 DIM B(1)
3545 FOR E=1 TO N
3550 IF C(E)=0 THEN GOTO 3570
3560 LET B(1)=B(1)+P(E)
3570 NEXT E
3580 PRINT "TOTAL HOURS WORKED:
";B(1)
3590 DIM B(1)
3600 FOR E=1 TO N
3610 LET B(1)=B(1)+G(E)
3620 NEXT E
3625 PRINT Y$
3630 PRINT "TOTAL GROSS WAGES: "
;B(1)
3640 DIM B(1)
3650 FOR E=1 TO N
3660 LET B(1)=B(1)+D(E)
3670 NEXT E
3675 PRINT X$
3680 PRINT "TOTAL S.D.I.: ";B(1)
3681 DIM B(1)
3682 FOR E=1 TO N
3685 LET B(1)=B(1)+J(E)
3687 NEXT E
3688 PRINT "TOTAL RETIREMENT: ";
B(1)
3690 DIM B(1)
3700 FOR E=1 TO N
3710 LET B(1)=B(1)+F(E)
3720 NEXT E
3730 PRINT "TOTAL F.I.C.A.: ";B(
1)
3740 DIM B(1)
3750 FOR E=1 TO N
3760 LET B(1)=B(1)+I(E)
3770 NEXT E
3780 PRINT "TOTAL INCOME TAX: ";
B(1)
3790 DIM B(1)
3800 FOR E=1 TO N
3810 LET B(1)=B(1)+G(E)-D(E)-J(E
)-F(E)-I(E)
3820 NEXT E
3825 PRINT Y$
3830 PRINT "TOTAL NET WAGES: ";B
(1)
3840 PRINT X$
3900 PRINT "HIT ANY KEY TO RETUR
N TO START."
3910 LET M$=INKEY$
3915 IF M$="" THEN GOTO 3910
3920 CLS
3930 GOTO 5
4000 CLS
4010 PRINT Y$
4020 PRINT TAB 9;"EMPLOYER COSTS
"
4030 LET LL=0
4040 FOR E=1 TO N
4045 IF C(E)=0 THEN GOTO 4090
4048 PRINT X$
4050 PRINT E;TAB 4;A$(E);TAB 4;"
GROSS WAGE:";TAB 20;"$";G(E);TAB
 4;"FICA";TAB 21;F(E);TAB 4;"IND
, ACCIDENT";TAB 21;INT (100*(P(E
)*IA)+.5)/100;TAB 4;"HEALTH INS.
";TAB 21;HI;TAB 4;"RETIREMENT";T
AB 21;INT (100*(G(E)*RET)+.5)/10
0
4060 LET L=G(E)+F(E)+(P(E)*IA)+H
I+(G(E)*RET)
4065 LET L=INT (L*100+.5)/100
4070 LET LL=LL+L
4080 PRINT TAB 4;"▮TOTAL";TAB 20
;"$";L
4085 GOSUB 5050
4090 NEXT E
4100 PRINT Y$
4110 PRINT "TOTAL COSTS:";TAB 20
;"$";LL
4120 PRINT X$
4130 PRINT "HIT ANY KEY TO RETUR
N TO START."
4140 LET M$=INKEY$
4145 IF M$="" THEN GOTO 4140
4150 CLS
4160 GOTO 5
4500 PRINT Y$
4510 PRINT "STATUS 2 INDICATES T
HAT EMPLOYEEWAGE THIS PERIOD EXC
EEDS SOCIAL SECURITY MAXIMUM. EN
TER AMOUNT OF WAGE SUBJECT TO S
OC. SEC. FOR";A$(V)
4515 PRINT X$
4520 INPUT GM
4530 LET Z(V)=INT (100*(GM*FICA)
+.5)/100
4550 RETURN
5010 LET SDI=.0307
5020 LET IA=.0818
5030 LET FICA=.067
5040 LET XMT=83.33
5050 LET HI=80
5060 LET RET=.07
5070 LET RETX=.05
6000 RETURN
6010 REM ENTER "C" TO RETURN TO
MENU
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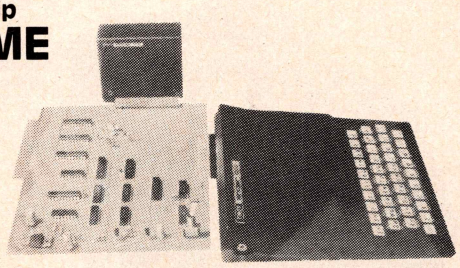

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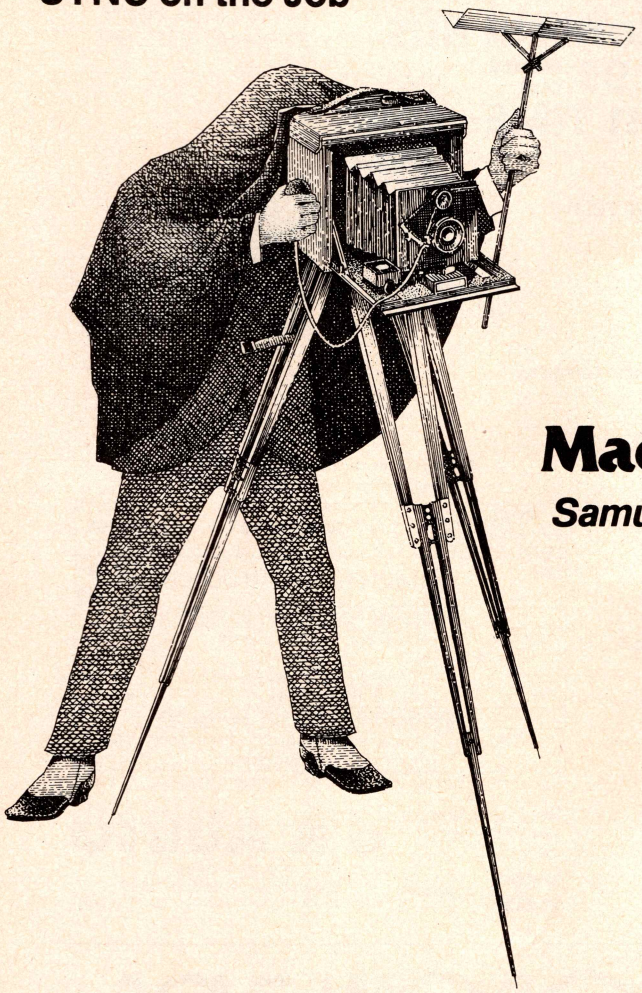

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The Sinclair ZX81 can be a very powerful tool in the work place where a person is dealing with variables which are to be used in mathematical formulas. The computer will give reliable output data which can be quickly used.

For example, a painter needs to know how much paint to purchase for a particular job. A program could be written in which the input data would include the dimensions of the space to be painted and the recommended coverage a particular type of paint has. The ZX81 would deterermine the total footage and output the number of gallons of paint that would be needed. Numerous other examples will occur to the reader.

This article gives a detailed description of one such practical work related application.

Photographers who do close-up or macro photography using non-automatic cameras face a formidable challenge in determining proper exposure, how far the subject should be from the lens, and how far the lens should be extended away from the film plane. In order to do this in a planned and orderly manner, the careful photographer would have to make mathematical computations using at least three formulas and consult at least one chart.

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Figure 1.

F = focal length of lens
O = distance object from lens
I = distance image from lens
R = scale of reproduction
ME = metered exposure time
AE = adjusted exposure time
R = I/O
O = (F/R)+F
I = (F*R)+F
AE = ME*(I*I/F*F)

The formulas would use as input the desired size on the negative from a subject of a given size, what the exposure time at the subject would be, and the type of film used (See Figure 1). A photographer armed with the formulas in front of him and an electronic calculator would take about five minutes to arrive at what his final exposure should be and what the subject distance and lens to film distance should be to give the magnification he desires.

Well, photographers are, by their nature, not very patient people when it comes to paper work, so this program will allow the photographer to input the data which the ZX81 will use to figure the adjusted exposure time (for bellows length and reciprocity), the proper subject to lens distance, and the proper film to lens distance for a given image magnification.

The Sinclair is small and mobile enough to fit even in the smallest of studios, yet it can be used in a number of applications in photography. Among these are: (1) figure exact negative to print magnifications; (2) convert metric to English measurements. (3) Calculate the percent solution for various photographic solutions. (4) Guide filter selection for black and white and color printing.

Of course, the big advantage the computer has over traditional methods of figuring the above mentioned items is speed and accuracy. The calculations involved in the "Macro Photo" Program can take many minutes to figure, but once the program is LOADed, the computer can supply an answer in less than five seconds. For a group of people who measure time in fractions of a second, the speed of the computer makes it a tool of great advantage to the photographer. ■

```
   1 REM "MACRO PHOTO"
  10 PRINT "WHAT IS THE FOCAL LE
NGTH OF YOUR LENS (MM)?"
  20 INPUT F
  25 PRINT F
  30 PRINT "HOW LONG IS YOUR SUB
JECT?"
  40 INPUT OL
  45 PRINT OL
  50 PRINT "HOW LONG DO YOU WANT
 THE IMAGE  TO BE?"
  60 INPUT IL
  61 PRINT IL
  62 PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR METERED
 EXPOSURE TIME (SEC.)?"
  63 INPUT ME
  64 PRINT ME
  65 PRINT "ARE YOU USING EPR OR
 B/W FILM?"
  66 INPUT A$
  70 LET R=0
  80 LET O=0
  90 LET I=0
  95 LET AE=ME
 100 LET R=IL/OL
 110 LET I=(F*R)+F
 120 LET O=(F/R)+F
 121 IF O>=8*F THEN GOTO 130
 125 LET AE=ME*((I*I)/(F*F))
 126 GOSUB 1000
 130 PRINT "SCALE OF REPRODUCTIO
N=";R;"X"
 140 PRINT "BELLOWS LENGTH=";I;"
 MM"
 150 PRINT "SUBJECT TO LENS DIST
ANCE=";O;" MM"
 160 PRINT "ADJUSTED EXPOSURE TI
ME IS ";AE;" SEC."
 200 STOP
1000 IF A$="B/W" THEN GOTO 2000
1010 IF AE<=1 THEN GOTO 3000
1020 IF AE>1 AND AE<=100 THEN GO
TO 1050
1030 PRINT "********ADJUSTED EXP
OSURE EXCEEDS RECCOMMENDATIONS**
********"
1040 GOTO 3000
1050 LET AE=AE*1.5
1060 PRINT "PLUS CC 10 B"
1070 GOTO 3000
2000 IF AE<.1 THEN GOTO 3000
2010 IF AE>=1 AND AE<=10 THEN GO
TO 2500
2020 IF AE>=10 AND AE<=100 THEN
GOTO 2600
2030 LET AE=AE*8
2040 GOTO 3000
2500 LET AE=AE*2
2510 GOTO 3000
2600 LET AE=AE*4
2610 GOTO 3000
3000 RETURN
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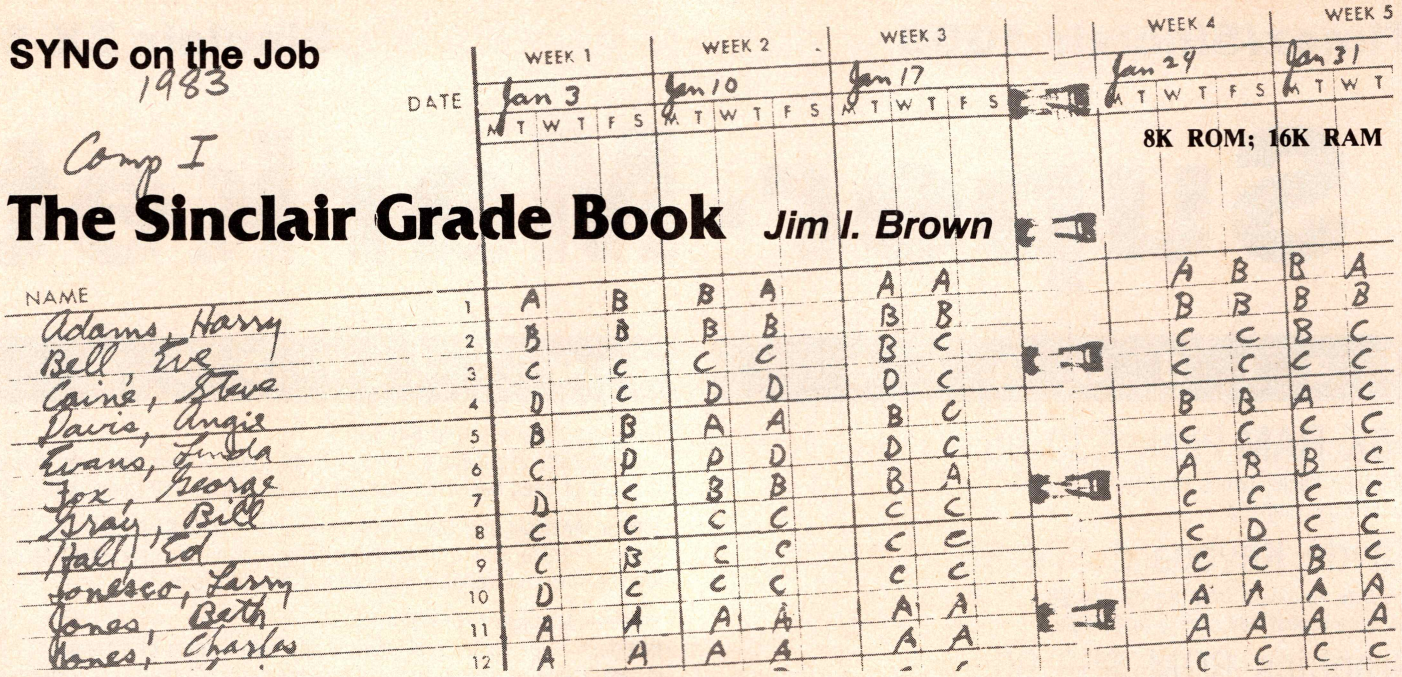
Comp I

The Sinclair Grade Book

Jim I. Brown

8K ROM; 16K RAM



Two of the dullest and most time consuming routines in teaching are record keeping and grade calculation. Normally, these are done with a paper grade book in which names and scores are recorded. Whenever grades are needed, the grade book, plus a hand calculator, and a generous amount of time are usually required to provide them. Because of the time factor alone, most teachers do not figure grades except at mid-term and at the end of the semester.

The modern computer, however, can be used to change this situation by providing the teacher with an electronic grade book that can give a read out of the student's record at any time during the course by merely pushing a few keys. Thus, it becomes possible to easily and quickly supply a student with a print out of his standing after *each* exam or assignment. I know from 28 years of experience as a science teacher that the effect of this upon positive motivation can be tremendous.

In preparing a grade book program for the Sinclair, it was first necessary to decide upon the form the recorded data should be returned in. One of the advantages of a good program is that it may be returned in any number of forms, at the operator's discretion. After all, a computer does more than just keep records—it also computes (totals, percentages, etc.). In the following program, I have included provisions for the three basic types of returns which the majority of teachers will find of the greatest value.

(1) A read out of all the students in the class with each student's name accompanied by his TOTAL points, along with his percentage of the TOTAL POSSIBLE. This is mainly for the teacher's benefit in determining and submitting grades for transcripts or report cards.

(2) A print out for only one particular student, along with all of his scores, his total points, and his percentage of the possible. This may be used to provide the student with a record of his current standing for motivational reasons or to verify his score for any particular event.

(3) A sort routine for arranging the totaled grades of all students in the class from high to low. This is useful in analyzing grade distributions or in allowing a student to see where he stands in relation to the rest of the class. However, the program in this part is very slow and may take several minutes for a large class. This time could be shortened greatly by using a SHELL sort routine modified for the Sinclair. However, as I seldom use this option, I have never taken the trouble to revise it. The idea should provide an interesting challenge for *SYNC* readers.

In preparing the program, it was necessary to include a few lines which might appear confusing to the reader at first glance. One of these is the method used to keep track of the points POSSIBLE on each exam. This was easily solved by making student number one the "possible" (line 220). Thus, the first *real* student becomes N minus one in the program (line 230). Adding a new student during the course, is done by letting N become one more than the present number in class (lines 600-610). Then, since the "possible" is N equals one, and the first student is N minus one, the new student becomes N minus two (line 630). No provision was made to delete a student since a teacher is sometimes asked about a student's performance even after the student has dropped. Line 546 may also appear confusing as the .5 and the integer function had to be used to correctly ROUND OFF the percentage in line 546.

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Program Structure

The general areas of the program are:

Lines 1-64: provide credits, menu, and selection of choice.

Lines 65-95: prevent accidental erasure of present roster.

Lines 102-274: establish roster of class names.

Lines 275-430: Permit entering grades for each name.

Lines 500-510: Print the names of all students.

Lines 515-543: Add grades and print total after each student's name.

Lines 545-574: Calculate and print percentage after each student's name.

Lines 600-710: Enter new students if necessary.

Lines 1500-1530: Save program and variables. It is recommended that a separate tape, along with a back-up tape be kept for each class.

Lines 1600-1645: Locate a particular student by name search.

Lines 1700-1731: Print a particular student's name, along with his scores, his total, and the percentage.

Lines 1735-1895: Allow a score to be changed, if necessary.

Lines 4000-6020: Tally and sort grades from high to low.

There are essentially only two types of variables in the program: names and scores. In line 200 N$ symbolizes the name, the number 41 represents the number of names for which space is allotted in the memory of the computer, and the number 15 is the maximum number of letters that may be used in any student's name. Remember, "possible" is N equals one, so the number 41 allows only 40

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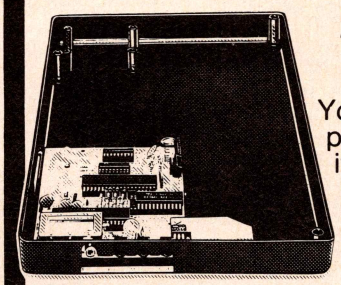

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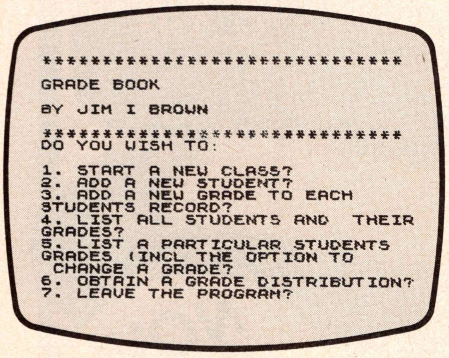

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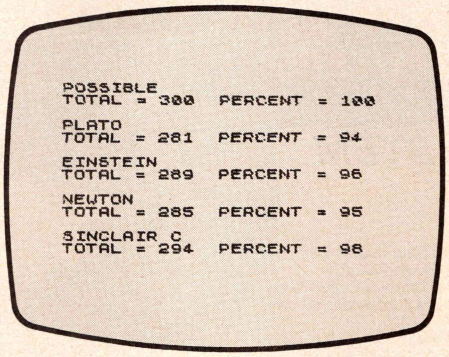

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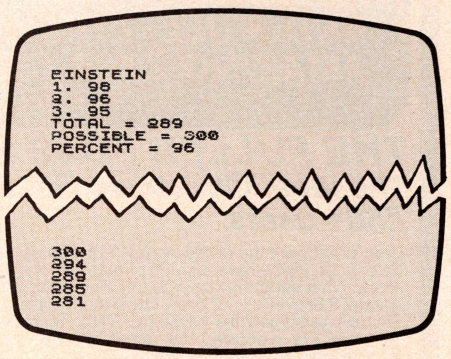


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  1 FOR I=1 TO 30
  2 PRINT "*";
  3 NEXT I
  4 PRINT
  5 PRINT
 10 PRINT "GRADE BOOK"
 11 PRINT
 12 PRINT "BY JIM I BROWN"
 13 PRINT
 14 FOR I=1 TO 30
 15 PRINT "*";
 16 NEXT I
 17 PRINT
 19 PRINT "DO YOU WISH TO:"
 21 PRINT
 22 PRINT "1. START A NEW CLASS
?"
 23 PRINT "2. ADD A NEW STUDENT
?"
 24 PRINT "3. ADD A NEW GRADE T
O EACH      STUDENTS RECORD?"
 25 PRINT "4. LIST ALL STUDENTS
 AND  THEIR GRADES?"
 26 PRINT "5. LIST A PARTICULAR
 STUDENTS   GRADES (INCL THE OPT
ION TO       CHANGE A GRADE?"
 27 PRINT "6. OBTAIN A GRADE DI
STRIBUTION?"
 28 PRINT "7. LEAVE THE PROGRAM
?"
 30 PRINT
 32 PRINT "ENTER THE NUMBER OF
YOUR CHOICE."
 34 INPUT Q
 36 CLS
 50 IF Q=1 THEN GOTO 65
 52 IF Q=2 THEN GOTO 600
 54 IF Q=3 THEN GOTO 275
 56 IF Q=4 THEN GOTO 500
 58 IF Q=5 THEN GOTO 1600
 60 IF Q=6 THEN GOTO 4000
 61 IF Q=7 THEN GOTO 1500
 62 CLS
 64 GOTO 20
 65 CLS
 70 PRINT "ARE YOU SURE?"
 72 PRINT
 75 PRINT "REMEMBER A NEW ROSTE
R WILL      DELETE THE CURRENT O
NE ALONG    WITH ITS  STORED DAT
A"
 77 PRINT
 80 PRINT "ENTER ""Y"" IF YOU S
TILL WISH TO  START A NEW ROSTER
"
 81 PRINT
 82 PRINT "ENTER ""C"" TO RETUR
N TO THE MAIN MENU"
 83 INPUT R$
 84 CLS
 85 IF R$="Y" THEN GOTO 100
 95 GOTO 20
100 PRINT "HOW MANY STUDENTS AR
E IN THE    CLASS?"
102 INPUT X
103 LET X=X+1
114 CLS
115 LET W=0
200 DIM N$(41,15)
210 DIM G(41,20)
215 FOR N=1 TO X
220 LET N$(1)="POSSIBLE"
222 IF N=1 THEN GOTO 270
230 PRINT "ENTER NAME NO. ";N-1
240 INPUT N$(N)
250 CLS
260 PRINT N$(N)
270 NEXT N
271 PRINT "ENTER ""C"" TO RETUR
N TO MENU"
272 INPUT R$
273 CLS
274 GOTO 20
275 LET W=W+1
278 CLS
290 FOR N=1 TO X
295 PRINT N$(N)
296 LET V=W
298 PRINT "ENTER GRADE NUMBER "
;V
300 INPUT G(N,V)
310 CLS
320 PRINT G(N,V)
340 NEXT N
400 PRINT
410 PRINT "ENTER ""C"" TO RETUR
N TO MAIN MENU"
420 INPUT R$
425 CLS
430 GOTO 20
490 FOR N=1 TO X
500 FOR N=1 TO X
510 PRINT N$(N)
515 LET T=0
520 FOR V=1 TO W
532 LET T=G(N,V)+T
533 IF N=1 THEN LET Z=T
535 NEXT V
543 PRINT "TOTAL = ";T;"  ";
545 LET PER=(T/Z)*100
546 LET PER=INT  (PER+.5)
547 PRINT "PERCENT = ";PER
548 PRINT
550 NEXT N
560 PRINT
570 PRINT "ENTER ""C"" TO RETUR
N TO THE MAIN MENU"
572 INPUT R$
573 CLS
574 GOTO 20
600 LET X=X+1
605 FOR N=1 TO X
610 NEXT N
630 PRINT "ENTER THE NAME OF ST
UDENT NUMBER ";N-2
640 INPUT N$(N-1)
650 CLS
660 PRINT "THE FOLLOWING STUDEN
T HAS BEEN  ADDED: ";N$(N-1)
670 PRINT
680 PRINT "ENTER ""C"" TO RETUR
N TO MAIN MENU"
690 INPUT R$
700 CLS
710 GOTO 20
1500 PRINT "TO SAVE THIS PROGRAM
:"
1501 PRINT
1502 PRINT "A. POSITION THE TAPE
."
1503 PRINT
1505 PRINT "B. TYPE ""C"""
1506 PRINT
1507 PRINT "C. START THE RECORDE
R"
1508 PRINT
1509 PRINT "D. PUSH NEWLINE"
1510 STOP
1520 SAVE "GRADE BOO■"
1530 GOTO 1
1600 PRINT "ENTER THE NAME OF TH
E STUDENT"
1605 INPUT C$
1608 CLS
1610 LET J=LEN C$
1615 DIM M$(41,J)
1620 FOR N=1 TO X
1625 LET M$(N)=N$(N)
1630 IF C$=M$(N) THEN GOTO 1700
1635 NEXT N
1640 PRINT
1645 PRINT "NO SUCH NAME ON ROST
ER"
1650 PRINT
1655 PRINT "ENTER ""C"" TO RETUR
N TO MAIN MENU"
1660 INPUT R$
1665 CLS
1670 GOTO 20
1700 PRINT N$(N)
1705 LET T=0
1710 FOR V=1 TO W
1715 PRINT V;". ";G(N,V)
1720 LET T=G(N,V)+T
1722 IF N=1 THEN LET Z=T
1725 NEXT V
1726 PRINT "TOTAL = ";T
1727 LET PER=(T/Z)*100
1728 LET PER=INT  (PER +.5)
1729 PRINT "POSSIBLE = ";Z
1731 PRINT "PERCENT = ";PER
1732 PRINT
1735 PRINT "DO YOU WISH TO CHANG
E A GRADE  (Y OR N)?"
1740  INPUT R$
1745 IF R$="Y" THEN GOTO 1800
1750 CLS
1755 GOTO 20
1800 PRINT
1822 PRINT "SELECT THE NUMBER OF
 THE GRADE   TO BE CHANGED"
1825 INPUT C
1835 LET V=C
1840 CLS
1845 PRINT "ENTER THE SCORE YOU
WISH THE ";G(N,V);"     TO BE CHA
NGED TO"
1850 INPUT L
1852 CLS
1855 LET G(N,V)=L
1860 PRINT "GRADE ";V;" IS NOW "
;G(N,V)
1865 PRINT
1875 PRINT "ENTER ""C"" TO RETUR
N TO THE MAIN MENU"
1880 INPUT R$
1890 CLS
1895 GOTO 20
4000 PRINT "TOTALING GRADES"
4003 DIM M$(41)
4005 FOR N=1 TO X
4010 LET T=0
4020 FOR V=1 TO W
4030 LET T=G(N,V)+T
4040 NEXT V
4050 LET G(N,V)=T
4070 NEXT N
4075 CLS
4077 PRINT "SORTING GRADES"
4080 LET CH=0
4090 FOR N=1 TO X
5000 IF G(N,V)<G(N+1,V) THEN LET
 CH=1
5010 IF G(N,V)<=G(N+1,V) THEN LE
T MID=G(N,V)
5020 IF G(N,V)<=G(N+1,V) THEN LE
T G(N,V)=G(N+1,V)
5030 IF G(N,V)<=G(N+1,V) THEN LE
T G(N+1,V)=MID
5040 NEXT N
5050 IF CH=1 THEN GOTO 4080
5052 CLS
5060 FOR N=1 TO X
5080 PRINT G(N,V)
5090 NEXT N
6000 PRINT "ENTER C TO RETURN TO
 MENU"
6010 INPUT R$
6015 CLS
6020 GOTO 18
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students to be entered per class. In line 210, G represents Grade, the 41 is again the number of students, while the 20 is used to reserve space in memory for 20 grades per student. These variables may, of course, be changed to allow for exceptionally sized classes or to increase the number of grades that may be taken. However, remember that increasing these values will require more memory and will also increase the LOAD/SAVE times.

Other parts of the program may also be changed to enable the computer to keep track of almost anything one wishes to maintain regular records on, while, at the same time, enabling one to obtain an instant total.

Using the Program

In using the grade book program when it is first LOADed, a menu automatically appears on the screen. (See Figure 1).

1). Selecting Choice 1 directs that a new roster be started. However, the program immediately requests the operator to first verify the choice so that any present roster will not be accidentally erased.

2). A new student may be added to the roster at any time by selecting Choice 2.

3). Choice 3 activates the computer to ask first how many points are possible on a particular test; the program then lists each student's name and requests his score for that assignment. Zero scores should be given to students who have dropped or transferred.

4). Choice 4 causes the computer to print out the total points for each student, along with his percentage of the POSSIBLE (See Figure 2).

Note: since the program directs the computer to first ADD the student's scores, this choice may cause the program to bomb if there is only one grade entered for the class.

5). Choice 5 instructs the computer to request a student's name, then to list that particular student's scores along with his total points and his percentage rating. (See Figure 3).

Before returning to the main menu, the program also inquires if any grade is to be corrected and allows the operator to make the necessary change if one is needed. New students who were added under Choice 2 will have zeros automatically recorded for any grades that were entered before they joined the class. Choice 5 allows the instructor to change these zeros to whatever transfer grades students may have entered with.

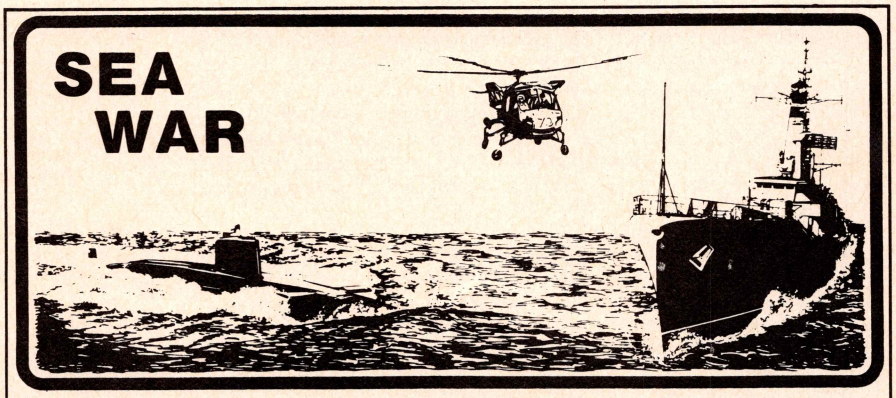
6). Choice 6 first tallies the grades of every student; then it sorts and displays the scores, arranging them from highest to lowest. (See Figure 4.)

7). Choice 7 allows the program, including all changes or additions in grades or names, to be saved and provides the directions for accomplishing this.

If, during any choice, the print out should fill the monitor and give a report code of 5 at the bottom (meaning no more room on screen), merely push "CONTinue" on the keyboard, followed by NEWLINE.

If for any reason the program should "bomb" at any point, it can usually be safely restarted by the command, GOTO 1, followed by NEWLINE. Never use "RUN" as a command, or all the stored data (names and scores) will be lost.

Ed.—For the convenience of our readers the author will supply tthe program on cassette for $12 including postage ($15 outside the U.S.). Allow four weeks if payment is made by personal check. ■



SEA WAR
FOR ZX81

This game is designed for one or two players. Each player has three submarines. As a certain number of points are reached, bonus submarines will be given. When the game is going on, the higher the score you get, the more that hostile features will appear on the screen.

The features which appear on the screen are as follows:
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Submarine

This feature is under your own control and is loaded at the left hand side of the screen. The keys '9' and '0' are the firing buttons for the upward missiles and forward missiles respectively.

The submarine can be moved in four directions; it can move upwards and downwards by pressing keys '7' and '6' respectively. In order to move forward, you press key '8' and it will draw back to its previous position when you release the button. Also, the submarine can be moved diagonally upwards or downwards by pressing both keys '8' and '7' or keys '8' and '6' respectively at the same time.

U-boat

This is the hostile submarine: It drifts under the sea level randomly, from right to left. Missiles are fired as it approaches your submarine. Destroying a U-boat scores 20 points.

Warship

This is the enemy destroyer which will release bombs diagonally as it drifts on the sea surface from right to left.

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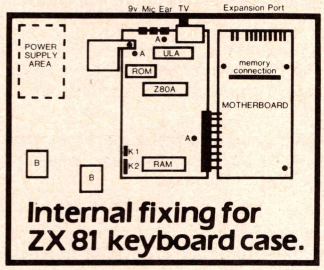

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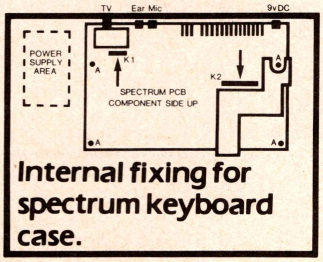

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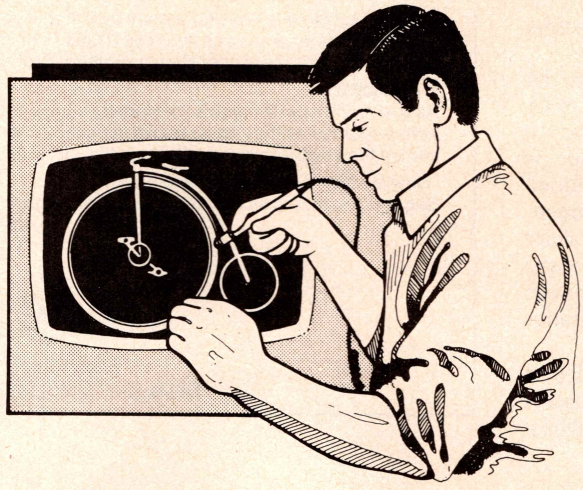

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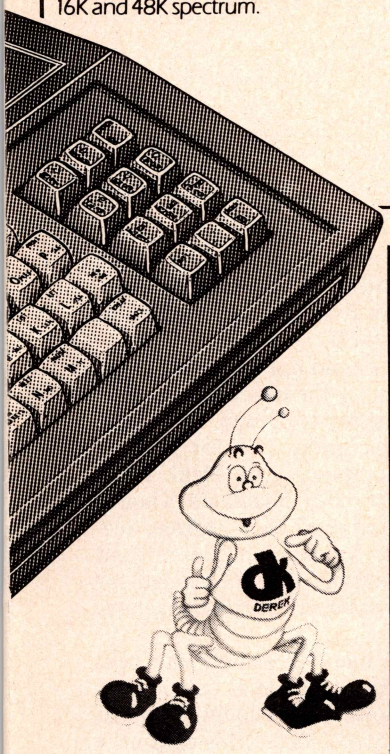

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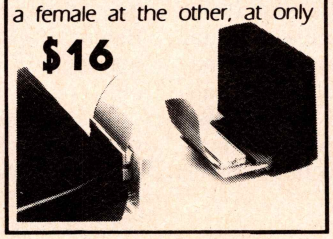

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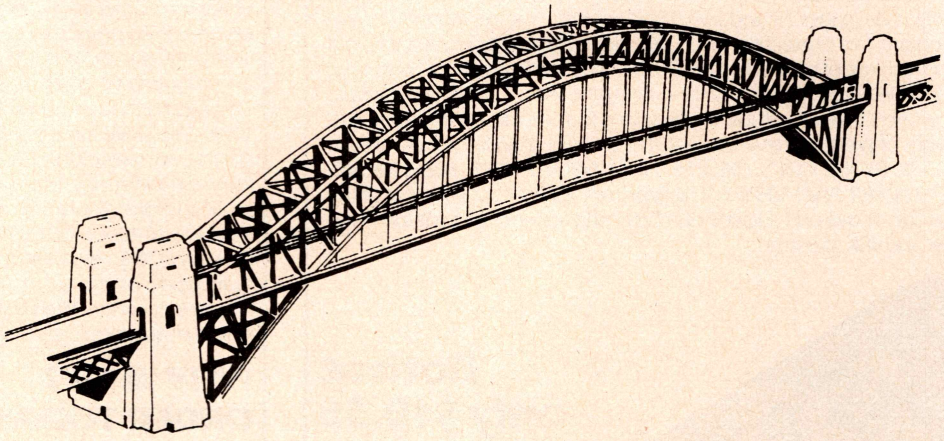

As an Industrial Designer, I am often required to specify the minimum practical amounts of material and the most effective configurations that will safely support a given load before spending thousands of dollars in tooling to produce parts for testing. Unfortunately, my staff does not include a graduate stress analyst, and my budget does not permit the use of high-priced consultants.

So I have been accustomed to resorting to a very handy and reliable reference work, *Machinery's Handbook*, which has collected all the standard formulas in the field necessary to perform a simple stress analysis. Even though I programmed my Commodore PR100 hand-held calculator to help, the repeated calculations of various sections and materials under various loading conditions would still take many hours of tedious labor.

As soon as I became moderately confident with my ZX80 and its extended ROM/RAM, I resolved to commit this process to the computer. The program I developed for this task is listed below. The results have proved extremely rewarding. Now I can try out literally hundreds of possibilities in a matter of minutes, and I have found the results to be surprisingly reliable and predictive of actual performance.

In order to minimize LOADing time (nearly 5 minutes), I only programmed those sections, materials, and characteristics that we commonly encounter in our line of work. Needless to say, the program can be easily modified to accommodate the formulas that apply to your particular situation from your own sources.

Program Structure

The program should prove quite user-friendly and essentially self-instructive. Its basic structure rests on the following routine:

1) Select a section (or shape) and enter the dimensions.

2) Select a material (to get Modulus of Elasticity and Tensile Strength).

3) Select a "loading model" and enter load and length.

You can change any segment of the data by returning to the appropriate section and recalculate the results without reentering unchanged data. To alter any single variable, without affecting others, simply enter the data with a "LET" statement. To deal with more complex sections (or shapes), refer to any of the standard reference works (e.g., *Machinery's Handbook*) for methods used to "mass" such shapes into simpler forms which can be handled by the program.

The Modulus of Elasticity and Tensile Strengths for most materials can be found in works such as *Machinery's Handbook* and *The Plastics Directory*, and I am indebted to both of them. The wood data are interpolated from various sources and may be somewhat unreliable. You can alter these sections to suit your needs, but I recommend using actual test data wherever possible or manufacturer's literature when available.

Using the Program

Suppose, for example, that you want to know the size and thickness of aluminum tube needed to mount a series of theater seats from supports a given distance apart. The tube will be firmly clamped in rigid cast iron supports (it makes a difference).

1) After you have typed in the program and SAVEd it (or if you are working from a tape, LOAD "STRENGTH"), hit RUN and ENTER.

2) You will be presented with a "SHAPE TABLE." Select and enter an appropriate shape; in this case, enter 2 for a square tube. This calls up a graphic with various dimensions outlined.

3) The program will ask for "T" or thickness (if you know it). Let's assume we do not know T, so enter 0.

4) It will ask for "D" the height dimension. Let's try a 2 inch square tube. Enter 2 for both D and B.

5) Because we did not know the thickness, it will ask for the inside dimensions: "H" corresponding to D and "K" corresponding to B. Enter 1.75 for both of these. The computer goes blank for a second or so while it calculates. Then it displays: T (thickness), Section Area, Section Modulus, Moment of Inertia, and Radius of Gyration (this is included for use in the Torsional calculations later on).

6) The last line will ask for the next step. Since this is an initial calculation, with no previous data resident, we must enter 2 for material data. This calls up a "MATERIALS TABLE", listing 10 common materials. Let's choose an extruded tube of 6063-T5 aluminum. Enter 6. The Tensile Strength and Modulus of Elasticity (abbreviated MOD.EL.) are displayed: T, 29000; M.E., 10.3 million.

7) The last line will ask you to press ENTER to continue. This calls up a "BEAM LOAD TABLE" with 6 common loading diagrams. Since our beam will be firmly fixed in its supports, select 6. This recalls the appropriate loading diagram and asks for the load in pounds (W). Let's suppose that 3 chairs are mounted between supports, the supports are 72 inches apart, and the chairs must accomodate occupants weighing up to 300 pounds each plus 20 pounds for each chair for a total of 960 pounds. Enter 960 for W and

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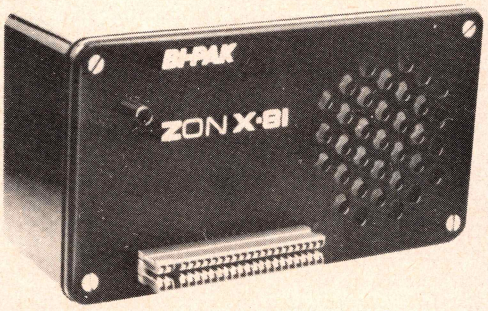

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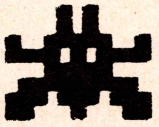

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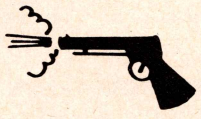

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  5 REM "STRENGTH"
  7 PRINT "       STRENGTH OF MAT
ERIALS "
  8 PRINT "
  10 PRINT "          SHAPE TABL
E "
  11 PRINT
  12 PRINT
  13 PRINT " 1   SQ/RECT SOLID"
  14 PRINT " 2   SQ/RECT TUBE"
  16 PRINT " 3   ROUND SOLID"
  18 PRINT " 4   ROUND TUBE"
  20 PRINT " 5   I SECTION"
  22 PRINT " 6   H SECTION"
  24 PRINT " 7   C SECTION"
  25 PRINT " 8   L SECTION"
  26 PRINT " 9   V SECTION (INVER
TED)"
  30 PRINT "10   T SECTION"
  32 PRINT "11   + SECTION"
  40 PRINT
  45 PRINT
  50 PRINT "ENTER APPROPRIATE SH
APE CODE"
  55 INPUT S1
  65 CLS
  66 IF S1>11 THEN LET S=19
  70 GOTO S1*100
 100 PRINT "       SQUARE/RECTANGUL
AR SOLID "
 104 PRINT
 106 PRINT "          ---- DIRECTION"
 108 PRINT "         :     OF LOAD"
 110 PRINT "         :      "
 112 PRINT "         -- D    "
 114 PRINT "         :  :    "
 116 PRINT "         Y  :    "
 118 PRINT "         ----    "
 120 PRINT "        :   :    "
 122 PRINT "        :--B-:   "
 124 PRINT
 128 PRINT "B=";
 130 INPUT B
 132 PRINT B;"   ";
 136 PRINT "D=";
 138 INPUT D
 140 PRINT D;"   ";
 142 LET Y=D/2
 146 PRINT "Y=";Y
 148 PRINT
 149 LET T=0
 150 LET A=B*D
 152 LET I=(B*(D**3))/12
 154 LET Z=(B*(D**2))/6
 155 LET K=50R (I/A)
 156 GOSUB 1600
 166 PRINT
 168 GOTO 1500
 200 PRINT "       SQUARE/RECTANGU
LAR TUBE "
 202 PRINT "          ---*-"
 204 PRINT "         -*-:   D=OUTSI
DE DEPTH"
 206 PRINT "        :   :   B=OUTSI
DE BREADTH"
 208 PRINT "        :   :   H=INSID
E DEPTH"
 210 PRINT "        :---: *H D  K=INSID
E BREADTH"
 212 PRINT "        :   :   T=THICK
NESS (WALL)"
 214 PRINT "        :   :Y  Y=MOMEN
T"
 216 PRINT "        :---:   "
 218 PRINT "          -*-"
 220 PRINT "        :-K-:   "
 222 PRINT "        :   -:-T      ENTER
T (IF KNOWN)"
 224 PRINT "        :--B--:       ""0""
IF UNKNOWN"
 228 PRINT
 230 INPUT T
 236 PRINT "D=";
 238 INPUT D
 240 PRINT D;"   B=";
 244 INPUT B
 245 PRINT B;
 248 IF T<>0 THEN GOTO 262
 249 PRINT "   H=";
 250 INPUT H
 252 PRINT H;"   K=";
 254 INPUT K
 256 LET T=(B-K)/2
 258 PRINT K;"   T=";T
 260 GOTO 270
 262 LET H=D-2*T
 264 LET K=B-2*T
 266 PRINT "   H=";H;"   K=";K;"
T=";T
 268 LET Y=D/2
 270 LET A=(D*B)-(H*K)
 272 LET Z=((B*D**3)-(H*K**3))/6
*D
 274 LET I=((B*D**3)-(H*K**3))/1
2
 275 LET K=50R (I/A)
 276 GOSUB 1600
 278 PRINT
 280 GOTO 1500
 282 STOP
 300 PRINT "       ROUND SOLI
D "
 302 PRINT "          -----*-"
 304 PRINT "        :       :"
 306 PRINT "        :       :"
 308 PRINT "        :       :"
 310 PRINT "        *-D   D=DIAM
ETER"
 312 PRINT "        :  :"
 314 PRINT "        Y  :   Y=DIST
NEUT.TO EXT"
 316 PRINT "        :  :"
 318 PRINT "        ---*-*-"
 320 PRINT
 322 PRINT "D=";
 324 INPUT D
 326 LET Y=D/2
 328 PRINT D;"   Y=";Y
 329 LET B=D
 330 LET A=.7854*(D**2)
 331 LET T=0
 332 LET Z=.098*(D**3)
 334 LET I=.049*(D**4)
 335 LET K=50R (I/A)
 336 GOSUB 1600
 338 PRINT
 340 GOTO 1500
 350 STOP
 400 PRINT "       ROUND TUB
E "
 402 PRINT "          -------*-"
 404 PRINT "        :       :"
 406 PRINT "        :       :"
 408 PRINT "        :       :"
 410 PRINT "        :       :"
 412 PRINT "        :       :"
 414 PRINT "        :       :"
 416 PRINT "        :---:   :"
 418 PRINT "        :   :-*-:-"
 420 PRINT TAB 11;":"
 422 PRINT TAB 11;"T"
 424 PRINT "ENTER T (IF KNOWN),
0 (IF NOT)"
 428 INPUT T
 432 PRINT "OD=";
 434 INPUT OD
 435 IF T<>0 THEN GOTO 446
 438 PRINT OD;"   ID=";
 440 INPUT ID
 442 PRINT ID;"   T=";(OD-ID)/2;"
 Y=";OD/2
 444 GOTO 451
 446 LET ID=OD-(2*T)
 448 LET Y=OD/2
 450 PRINT OD;"   ID=";ID;"   T=";
T;"   Y=";Y
 451 LET B=ID
 452 LET A=.7854*(OD**2-ID**2)
 453 LET D=OD
 454 LET I=.049*(OD**4-ID**4)
 456 LET Z=.098*((OD**4-ID**4)/O
D)
 457 LET K=50R (I/A)
 458 GOSUB 1600
 460 PRINT
 462 GOTO 1500
 464 STOP
 500 PRINT "       I-SECTION
 "
 501 LET N=5
 502 PRINT "          ---+-"
 504 PRINT "          -+-:   "
 506 PRINT "           :  :   "
 508 PRINT "           H  :   "
 510 PRINT "+----------+  :   LOAD
"
 512 PRINT "           :  :   D"
 514 PRINT "           Y  :   "
 516 PRINT "           :  :   "
 518 PRINT "+----------+-+-+"
 520 PRINT "          :   :   :"
 522 PRINT "          :T-+-:   F"
 524 PRINT "          +--B---+"
 526 PRINT "          :      "
 530 PRINT "T=";
 532 INPUT T
 534 PRINT T;"   F=";
 536 INPUT F
 538 PRINT F;"   D=";
 540 INPUT D
 542 LET H=D-(2*F)
 543 LET Y=D/2
 544 PRINT D;"Y=";Y;"   H=";H;"
B=";
 546 INPUT B
 548 PRINT B
 550 IF N<>5 THEN GOTO 30+(N*100
)
 552 LET Y=D/2
 554 LET A=(B*D)-(H*(B-T))
 556 LET I=((B*(D**3))-((H**3)*(
B-T)))/12
 558 LET Z=I/Y
 559 LET K1=(B*D**3)-(H**3*(B-T)
)
 560 LET K2=12*((B*D)-(H*(B-T)))
 561 LET K=50R (K1/K2)
 564 PRINT "AREA=";A;"   S.MOD=";
Z,"MOMIN=";I;"   RAGY=";K
 566 GOTO 1500
 600 PRINT "       H-SECTION
 "
 601 LET N=6
 602 PRINT
 604 PRINT "          ---+-"
 606 PRINT "          :   :   LOAD"
 608 PRINT "          :   :  "
 610 PRINT "          H   :  "
 612 PRINT "          :   -+-B"
 614 PRINT "          :   :   :"
 616 PRINT "          T   Y   :"
 618 PRINT "          :   -+-+-"
 620 PRINT "          :   :   :"
 622 PRINT "          :   F-+-:"
 624 PRINT "          +--D---+"
 626 PRINT "          :      "
 628 GOTO 526
 630 LET Y=B/2
 632 LET A=(B*D)-(H*(B-T))
 634 LET I=((2*F*(B**3))+(H*(T**
3)))/12
 636 LET Z=I/Y
 637 LET K1=2*F*(B**3)+H*(T**3)
 638 LET K2=12*((B*D)-(H*(B-T)))
 639 LET K=50R (K1/K2)
 640 GOTO 564
 700 PRINT "       C-SECTION
 "
 701 LET N=7
 702 PRINT "          -+-+-"
 704 PRINT "          -+-:   LOAD"
 706 PRINT "          :  :  "
 708 PRINT "          :  F  "
 710 PRINT "          --:---+-D
 712 PRINT "          H  :   :"
 714 PRINT "          :  Y   :"
 716 PRINT "          :  :   :"
 720 PRINT "          -+-+-"
 722 PRINT "          :   :"
 724 PRINT "          ++-T   :"
 726 PRINT "          +--B--+"
 727 PRINT "          :     :"
 728 GOTO 526
 730 LET Y=D/2
 732 LET A=(B*D)-(H*(B-T))
 734 LET I=((B*(D**3))-((H**3)*(
B-T)))/12
 736 LET Z=I/Y
 737 LET K1=(B*D**3)-(H**3*(B-T)
)
 738 LET K2=12*((B*D)-(H*(B-T)))
 739 LET K=50R (K1/K2)
 740 GOTO 564
 800 PRINT "       L-SECTION
 "
 801 LET N=8
 802 PRINT "          -++-T"
 804 PRINT "          :   :"
 806 PRINT "  -+-+-  ----+-+-EXTREME
 FIBER"
 808 PRINT "    :    :     :   :"
 810 PRINT "    :    :     Y   :"
 812 PRINT "    B    :     :   :"
 816 PRINT "    :    :     :   D"
 818 PRINT "    :-   ------+-:-NEUTRAL
 FIBER"
 820 PRINT "    :    :       :"
 822 PRINT "    :    :       -+-      "
 824 PRINT "  -+-    :        LOAD"
 826 PRINT "    :    :        "
 828 PRINT "    :    +--L---+  "
 830 PRINT "    :           :"
 834 PRINT "T=";
 836 INPUT T
 838 PRINT T;"   B=";
 840 INPUT B
 841 PRINT B;"   L=";
 842 INPUT L
 845 LET D=B-T
 846 LET Y=B-(T*(2*D+L)+(D**2))/
(2*(D+L))
 848 PRINT L;"   D=";D;"   Y=";Y
 850 LET A=T*(L+D)
 851 LET E=(T*(Y**3))+L*((B-Y)**
3)
 852 LET P=(L-T)*((B-Y-T)**3)
 853 LET I=(E-P)/3
 854 LET Z=I/Y
 856 LET K=50R ((I/(3*T*(L+B-T))
)*(T*(Y**3)+L*((B-Y)**3)-((L-T)*
((B-Y-T)**3))))
 858 GOTO 564
 900 PRINT "       INVERTED V-SE
CTION "
 901 LET N=9
 902 PRINT "          *"
 904 PRINT "         /  -----+-EXTREM
E FIBER"
 906 PRINT "        /   /     :"
 908 PRINT "       L   /      Y"
 910 PRINT "      /   /       :  "
 912 PRINT "     /  -----+-+-NEUTRA
L FIBER"
 914 PRINT "    *  /     \    "
 916 PRINT "   /  /       \   "
 918 PRINT "  /  /         \  "
 920 PRINT "  /T/           \ "
 922 PRINT TAB 12;"T=";
 924 INPUT T
 926 PRINT T;"   L=";
 927 INPUT L
 928 PRINT L
 929 LET B=L
 930 LET A=T*((2*L)-T)
 931 LET D=L
 932 LET Y=((L**2)+(L*T)-(T**2))
/(2*(2*L-T)*COS (45))
 934 LET P=Y*COS (45)
 935 LET I=(2*(P**4)-(2*(P-T)**4
)+T*(L-(2*P-T/2))**5)/2
 938 LET Z=I/Y
 940 LET K=50R (I/A)
 942 PRINT "Y=";Y;"  AREA=";A;"  S
.MOD=";Z
 944 PRINT "MOMIN=";I;"  RAGYR=";
K
 946 PRINT
 948 GOTO 1500
 950 PRINT
1000 PRINT "       T-SECTION
 "
1002 PRINT "  F     +---B---+"
1004 PRINT "  :     :       :"
1006 PRINT "  -+---  -------  -+-"
1008 PRINT "    :    -+-+-    :  "
1010 PRINT "    :    :   :    :  "
1012 PRINT "    :    ---+--+--:--NE
UTRAL FIBER"
1014 PRINT "    H       :    :  D"
1016 PRINT "    :       :    Y  :"
1018 PRINT "    :       :    :  :"
1020 PRINT "  -+-------  ---+--+--EX
TREME FIBER"
1022 PRINT "            :     :"
1023 PRINT "          -+-+-T"
1024 PRINT "            :  :"
1025 PRINT "T=";
1026 INPUT T
1028 PRINT T;"   F=";
1030 INPUT F
1032 PRINT F;"   B=";
1034 INPUT B
1036 PRINT B;"   D=";
1038 INPUT D
1040 PRINT D
1041 LET H=D-F
1042 LET A=B*F+H*T
1044 LET Y=D-(((D**2)*T+(F**2)*(
B-T))/(2*A))
1045 PRINT "H=";H;"   Y=";Y
1046 LET I=.5*(T*Y**3)+B*(D-Y)**
3-(B-T)*(D-Y-F)**3
1048 LET Z=I/Y
1050 LET K=50R (I/A)
1052 GOTO 564
1100 PRINT "       + SECTION
 "
1101 LET N=11
1102 PRINT "          :  :"
1104 PRINT "       -+  +-T"
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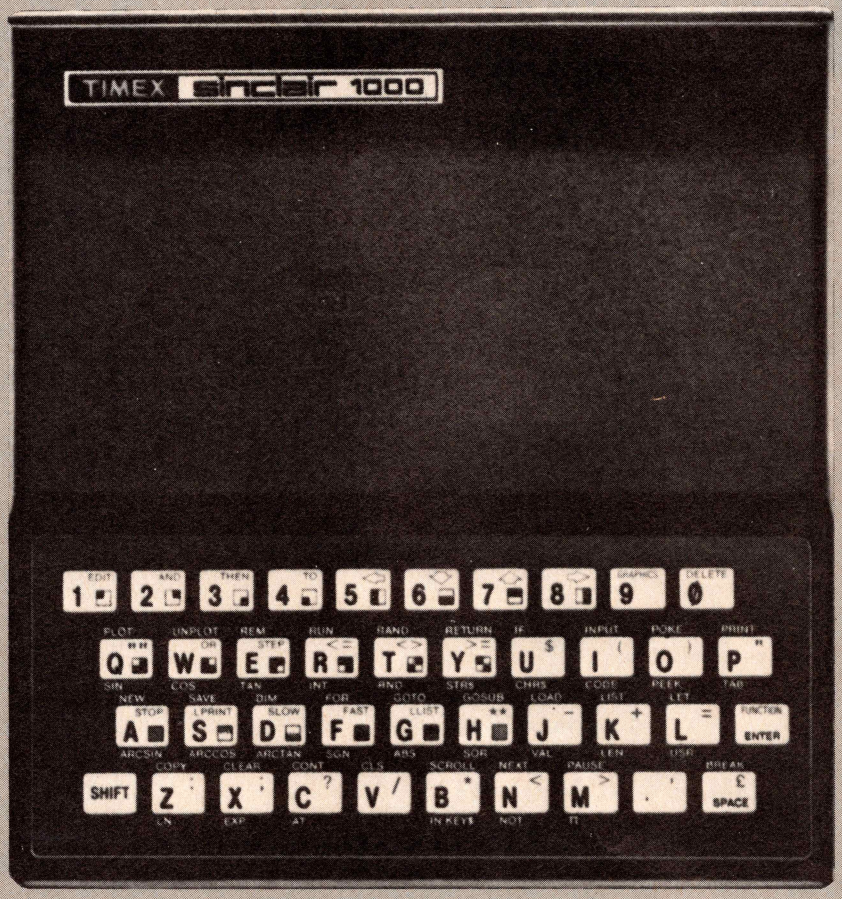

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1106 PRINT "          ------+-"
1108 PRINT "          |     |  "
1110 PRINT "          |     D  "
1112 PRINT "-+-       |     |  "
1114 PRINT "  |       |     -+-"
1116 PRINT "-+-       |     |  "
1118 PRINT "  |       |     Y  "
1120 PRINT "  F       |     |  "
1122 PRINT "          ------+-"
1124 PRINT "          |     |  "
1126 PRINT "          +--B--+"
1128 PRINT "          |     |  "
1130 PRINT "T=";
1132 INPUT T
1134 PRINT T;" F=";
1135 INPUT F
1136 PRINT F;" D=";
1137 INPUT D
1138 PRINT D;" B=";
1140 INPUT B
1142 LET A=D*T+F*(B-T)
1144 LET Y=D/2
1146 LET I=((T*D**3)+(F**3)*(B-T
))/12
1148 LET Z=I/Y
1150 LET K=SQR (I/A)
1152 PRINT B;" Y=";Y
1154 GOTO 564
1200 PRINT "[REVERSE] MATERIALS TA
BLE [REVERSE]"
1205 PRINT
1210 PRINT "1  CLASS 25 CAST GRA
Y IRON"
1215 PRINT "2  DUCTILE (NODULAR)
CAST IRON"
1220 PRINT "3  1025 LOW CARBON S
TEEL"
1225 PRINT "4  30302 STAINLESS S
TEEL"
1230 PRINT "5  51430 STAINLESS S
TEEL"
1235 PRINT "6  6063 T5 ALUMINUM"
1240 PRINT "7  6061 T6 ALUMINUM"
1245 PRINT "8  NO.2 STRUCTURAL D
OUGLAS FIR"
1250 PRINT "9  INJ. MOLDED ABS O
R HIS"
1255 PRINT "10 MOLDED NYLON 6+40
 PCT. GLASS"
1260 PRINT
1265 PRINT "ENTER APPROPRIATE MA
TERIAL CODE"
1270 INPUT G
1275 PRINT
1280 PRINT
1300 IF G=1 THEN LET E=14.2
1305 IF G=1 THEN LET S=25000
1310 IF G=2 THEN LET E=25
1315 IF G=2 THEN LET S=80000
1320 IF G=3 THEN LET E=30
1325 IF G=3 THEN LET S=80000
1330 IF G=4 THEN LET E=28
1335 IF G=4 THEN LET S=105000
1340 IF G=5 THEN LET E=29
1345 IF G=5 THEN LET S=60000
1355 IF G=6 THEN LET E=10.3
1360 IF G=6 THEN LET S=29000
1365 IF G=7 THEN LET E=11.4
1370 IF G=7 THEN LET S=48000
1375 IF G=8 THEN LET E=1.3
1380 IF G=8 THEN LET S=1300
1385 IF G=9 THEN LET E=.29
1390 IF G=9 THEN LET S=5500
1395 IF G=10 THEN LET E=1.5
1400 IF G=10 THEN LET S=26000
1405 PRINT
1410 LET E=E*10**6
1415 PRINT "TENSILE=";S;" MOD.EL
.=";E
1420 PRINT
1425 PRINT "PRESS ""ENTER"" TO C
ONTINUE"
1430 INPUT A$
1435 CLS
1440 GOTO 2000
1500 PRINT "ENT: (1)SEC(2)MAT(3)L
OAD(4)RECALC"
1510 INPUT N
1515 CLS
1520 IF N=1 THEN GOTO 10
1530 IF N=2 THEN GOTO 1200
1540 IF N=3 THEN GOTO 2000
1545 IF N=4 THEN GOTO 3500
1550 STOP
1600 PRINT "SECTION AREA =";A
1610 PRINT "SECTION MODULUS =";Z
1620 PRINT "MOMENT OF INERTIA ="
;I
1622 PRINT "RAD. OF GYRATION=";K
1630 RETURN
1900 PRINT "SHAPE NOT YET PROGRA
MMED","PRESS ""ENTER"" TO RETURN
 SHAPE TABLE"
1910 INPUT A$
1915 CLS
1920 GOTO 10
1930 STOP
2000 PRINT "[REVERSE] BEAM LOAD TA
BLE [REVERSE]"
2001 LET X=0
2002 PRINT
2004 PRINT "UUUUUUUUUU"
2006 PRINT "[REVERSE] 1 SUPPORTE
D BOTH ENDS"
2008 PRINT "[REVERSE]   UNIFORM
LOAD"
2009 GOSUB 2070
2010 PRINT TAB 4;"W"
2012 PRINT "[REVERSE] 2 SUPPORTE
D BOTH ENDS"
2014 PRINT "[REVERSE]   CENTRAL
LOAD"
2015 GOSUB 2070
2016 PRINT TAB 2;"W"
2018 PRINT "[REVERSE] 3 SUPPORTE
D BOTH ENDS"
2020 PRINT "[REVERSE]   LOAD OFF
-CENTER"
2021 PRINT
2022 GOSUB 2070
2023 PRINT "[REVERSE]UUUUUUUU 4 FIXED ON
E END"
2024 PRINT "[REVERSE]   UNIFORM
LOAD"
2026 PRINT "[REVERSE]"
2027 GOSUB 2070
2028 PRINT "[REVERSE]   W 5 FIXED ON
E END"
2030 PRINT "[REVERSE]   LOADED O
THER"
2032 PRINT "[REVERSE]"
2033 GOSUB 2070
2034 PRINT "[REVERSE]UUUUU[REVERSE] 6 FIXED BO
TH ENDS"
2036 PRINT "[REVERSE]   UNIFORM
LOAD"
2038 PRINT "[REVERSE]   [REVERSE]"
2039 GOSUB 2070
2040 PRINT TAB 3;"**ENTER APPROP
RIATE CODE**"
2045 INPUT X
2050 CLS
2055 GOTO 2000+(X*100)
2060 STOP
2070 IF X>0 THEN GOTO 2020+(X*10
0)
2075 RETURN
2080 STOP
2100 LET X=1
2110 GOTO 2004
2120 PRINT
2130 GOSUB 3000
2140 LET S2=-(W*L)/(8*Z)
2150 LET U=(5*(W*(L**3)))/(384*E
*I)
2160 GOTO 3500
2170 STOP
2200 LET X=2
2210 GOTO 2010
2220 PRINT
2230 GOSUB 3000
2240 LET S2=(W*L)/(4*Z)
2250 LET U=(W*(L**3))/(48*E*I)
2260 GOTO 3500
2270 STOP
2300 LET X=3
2310 GOTO 2016
2320 PRINT
2330 GOSUB 3000
2340 LET S2=(W*(X1*(L-X1)))/(Z*L
)
2345 LET V=SQR (((I/3)+(2*X1))/(
3*(L-X1)))*(L-X1)
2350 LET U=(W*X1*(V**3))/(3*E*I*
L)
2360 GOTO 3500
2370 STOP
2400 LET X=4
2410 GOTO 2023
2420 PRINT
2430 GOSUB 3000
2440 LET S2=(W*L)/(2*Z)
2450 LET U=(W*(L**3))/(8*E*I)
2460 GOTO 3500
2470 STOP
2500 LET X=5
2510 GOTO 2028
2520 PRINT
2530 GOSUB 3000
2540 LET S2=(W*L)/Z
2550 LET U=(W*(L**3))/(3*E*I)
2560 GOTO 3500
2570 STOP
2600 LET X=6
2610 GOTO 2034
2620 PRINT
2630 GOSUB 3000
2640 LET S2=(W*L)/(12*Z)
2650 LET U=(W*(L**3))/(384*E*I)
2660 GOTO 3500
2670 STOP
3000 PRINT "W (LOAD IN LBS.)=";
3010 INPUT W
3020 PRINT W
3030 PRINT "L (BEAM LENGTH-IN.)=
";
3040 INPUT L
3050 PRINT L
3060 IF X<>3 THEN GOTO 3100
3070 PRINT "X (DIST-W TO NEAR SU
PP)=";
3080 INPUT X1
3090 PRINT X1
3100 RETURN
3500 PRINT
3502 PRINT "LOAD=";W*L;" IN.LBS.
"
3503 PRINT "SECTION =";D;"X";B;"
X";T
3504 PRINT "MATL. STRENGTH (T)="
;S;" PSI"
3505 PRINT "STRESS (CRIT.PT.)=";
S2;" PSI"
3510 PRINT "DEFL.(CRIT. PT.)=";U
;" IN."
3520 PRINT
3525 IF S2<S THEN GOTO 3650
3530 PRINT
3500 FOR N=1 TO 10
3505 PRINT AT 14,9;"          "
3510 PAUSE 30
3515 PRINT AT 14,9;"[REVERSE]OVERSTRESS[REVERSE]"
3520 PAUSE 60
3530 NEXT N
3550 PRINT
3555 GOTO 1500
9999 STOP
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Now suppose that we want to reduce the cost. Let's try out a small rectangular steel tube. Enter 1 for a new section. Select 2 again, and enter the appropriate dimensions. Let's say that we know the thickness this time: T: .062; D: 1.5; B: .75. Since we already have the rest of our data, we can simply "RECALCulate" by entering 4. As you can see, this substitution results in an equally safe situation.

Encouraged by this, we might try using fewer supports. Let's try 6 chairs on a 12 foot beam. Enter 3 to revise the load. Select 6 again, and enter the load and length: W: 5*320 (you can enter this as an expression and let the computer calculate the result, 1600); L: 12*12 (144).

Lo and behold, we have overdone it. The screen flashes a reverse video "OVERSTRESS" 10 times, because the stress (35009.386) exceeds the tensile strength of the tube (29000 PSI). Under these circumstances, the Deflection data are probably unreliable.

Now let's suppose that you have discovered a miracle material with Tensile strength of 100,000 PSI. Enter this data by returning to 2, the material subroutine. Otherwise, it will not become a part of the new MATERIAL STRENGTH calculation. If you wish to change only the total load applied, get into K mode by entering any letter (giving error 2/1510). Then enter the lighter load with a direct LET statement: "LET W:800", followed by "GOTO 2640". As you can see, we are no longer OVERSTRESSed. If you cannot remember the address of the stress calculation (2640), just go to 1500 to pick up the "BRANCHING" statement that will let you select 4 for recalculation.

Note: Loading diagram 3 (asymmetrical load placement) requires a third dimension "X" to indicate the distance from the load to the nearest support.

With some experimentation, you will develop an excellent sense of which variables have the greatest impact on beam strength and load.

Conclusion

One problem I have not bothered to resolve (because I am awaiting a printer) is remembering the precise details of the section entered in the first steps. If you do not plan to have a printer, you could alter the program to display a simple reminder of the section.

My plans for elaborating the program include a section for calculating compound loading vectors and flags to indicate when stresses approach "proportional limits" and "ultimate strength." You can include safety factors to suit your particular needs by modifying statements in the last few lines. For example, changing line 3525 to 3525 IF S−.8=S2 THEN GOTO 3650 will flag a potential failure at 80% of the ultimate strength level.

Obviously, many of you will not be able to use this particular program directly in your work. However, you may still enjoy working through the program for its graphics and the way the various factors interact in a load carrying situation. Above all, we hope the program will inspire you to use your computer to find a way of taking a "load" off your work.

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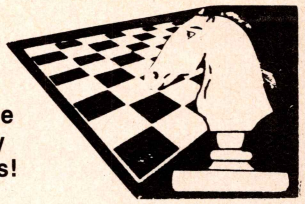

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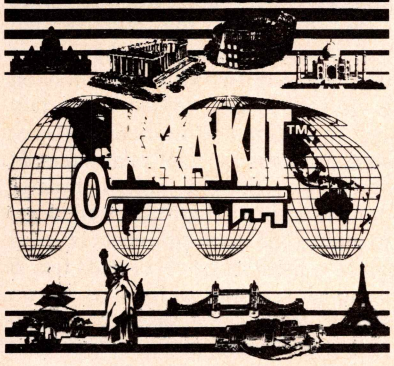

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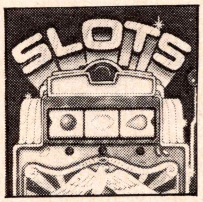

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Understanding Number Systems

James R. Avoli

This explanation of number systems was written to explain the working of my home computer to my son. It is all too easy to destroy enthusiasm for learning by trying to teach a technical subject from generalizations (boring) or from technical terms (confusing); either way can be self-defeating.

So let's begin with the definitions of three terms that will be used heavily: 1) a *numeral* is a figure that represents a number; 2) a *digit* is any of the numerals in a number; and 3) a *value* is the total amount represented by numbers.

We humans use *ten* numerals in our everyday life because we count on our ten fingers. We refer to values created from the base ten, i.e., the *decimal* number system. We need to take great care to understand the concept of the zero i.e., no fingers: it is a valid numeral in all number systems, and it is the only numeral that can be a place-holder, i.e., represents no value. Also undertand the foresight of the ancient mathematicians in *not* counting from one through ten with a single digit.

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Modern electrical devices, from switches to digital computers, can represent only *two* values: electrical energy is either off (represented by the numeral zero), or on (represented by the numeral one). We refer to values created from these two numerals as being in the base two, i.e., the *binary* number system. This dual-state concept is known as *digital*, and is illustrated in Figure 1. Another concept, known as *analog* and illustrated in Figure 2, can represent *all* the values between fully off and fully on. At any instant in time, a digital signal is either off or on, while an analog signal can be anywhere between off and on. An example of an analog device is an amplifier. We shall discuss analog concepts no further, but you should be aware of the antithesis of digital.

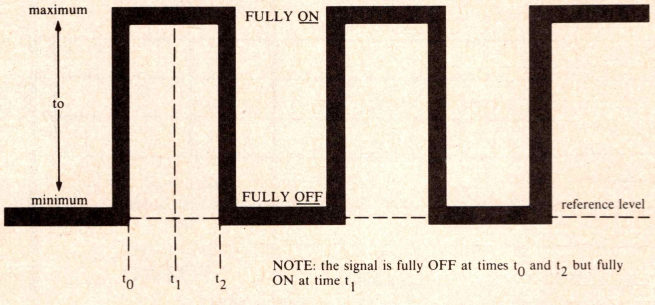
Computer professionals began to use the base eight (the *octal* number system) and the base sixteen (the *hexadecimal* number system) because binary values can be difficult for the human brain to interpret if there are too many digits. The binary digits, dubbed *bits* by these same computer professionals, are grouped together into logical units of three bits of octal (from the days of 24-bit computers), or into four bits for hexadecimal (for today's 8-, 16-, and 32-bit computers). Table 1 is a visual comparison of parts of the basic number systems that we have discussed. See that we can represent zero through seven with three bits, and zero through fifteen with four bits.

As in our familiar decimal number system, notice that no single digit in any number system can have a value equal to (or greater than) the number system itself, because the value zero is included as a valid numeral. For example, our decimal number system represents the values zero through nine; the hexadecimal number system represents the values zero through fifteen. This phenomenon brings us to our next-to-last math fact we need to understand number systems: we must use some special characters as numerals to represent values greater than nine in a single digit. Since the logical sequence of the alphabet is easy enough to remember, *A* represents ten, *B* represents eleven, and so forth as shown in Table 1. With these basics of the binary number system in hand, our next step is to do something with it.

Table 1.

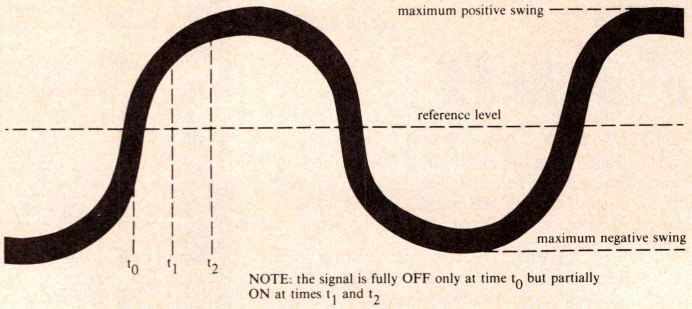
Binary (2)	Octal (8)	Decimal (10)	Hexadecimal (16)
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
10	2	2	2
11	3	3	3
100	4	4	4
101	5	5	5
110	6	6	6
111	7	7	7
1000	10	8	8
1001	11	9	9
1010	12	10	A
1011	13	11	B
1100	14	12	C
1101	15	13	D
1110	16	14	E
1111	17	15	F

Figure 1. Illustration of DIGITAL.



NOTE: the signal is fully OFF at times t_0 and t_2 but fully ON at time t_1

Figure 2. Illustration of ANALOG.



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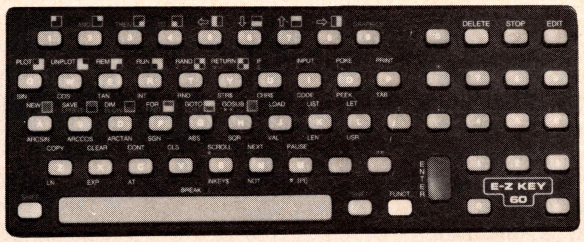

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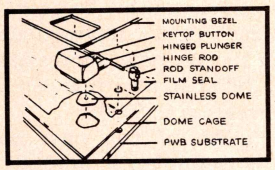

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First, we must understand the mechanical process used to construct a value exceeding one digit. We simply add up how many times each exponent of the number system can fit into the whole value. To demonstrate what this final math fact means, let's work through some examples after we review a few rules about exponents:

— a number raised to the power of zero yields one (e.g., $X^0 = 1$);
— a number raised to the power of one yields itself (e.g., $X^1 = X$);
— a number raised to a fractional power yields a root (e.g., $X^{1/2} = \sqrt{x}$).
— a number raised to a negative power yields an inverse (e.g., $X^{-1/2} = 1/\sqrt{x}$).

Now we can work on some examples. To an English speaking human, the words "four thousand ninety-six" has been drilled to mean the following:

4 times 1000 (10^3), plus
0 times 100 (10^2), plus
9 times 10 (10^1), plus
6 times 1 (10^{00} for a total of 4096 in the base ten. This information can be shown in tabular form as follows:

10^3	10^2	10^1	10^0
1000	100	10	1
4	0	9	6

The mechanics of this example must be perfectly clear to you before we proceed. If you are not sure, think "how many times will this exponent's value for this digit fit into the current remainder?"

4096/1000 = 4 (remainder 96)
96/ 100 = 0 (remainder 96)
96/ 10 = 9 (remainder 6)
6/ 1 = 6 (no remainder)

Further examples of the same value, but expressed in different number systems, demonstrate the link between the logical grouping of four bits we described earlier.

Isn't it easier to say "one zero zero zero hex" than "one zero zero zero zero zero zero zero zero zero zero zero binary"?

Now, you try it for the base eight. HINT: first fill in the exponent values, then begin dividing the decimal value (4096) by the largest octal value.

_____times_____(8^4), plus
_____times_____(8^3), plus
_____times_____(8^2), plus
_____times_____(8^1), plus
_____times_____(8^0), for a total of
_____in the base eight.

Now that we have the basics and the mechanics of different number systems under control, let's mount one final assault in a similar direction. So far, our examples have represented *internal* digital values, i.e., values upon which a human or machine can perform arithmetic functions directly. There is one more number system by which *external* input and output devices, such as thumbwheel switches and seven-segment displays, can be connected to logical devices directly; their data representations also can be used directly. An example of a representation that cannot be used directly is the holes punched in a card column.

Computer professionals have defined a *register* as a circuit that holds several adjacent digits which are to be treated as a unit. In the base two, if all the bits are set on (i.e., to ones), you can see that a sixteen bit register would represent 1111 1111 1111 1111, or 2^{16}-1 or 65,535 in the base ten, or FFFF in the base sixteen.

Now, combining all that we have learned so far, we can understand why the logical representation of binary digits (to the electrical device) and decimal digits (to the human brain), is called *binary coded decimal,* or simply BCD. Although it sounds formidable, BCD simply refers to a number system by which a decimal numeral (zero through nine) is represented by a group of four bits called a *nibble.*

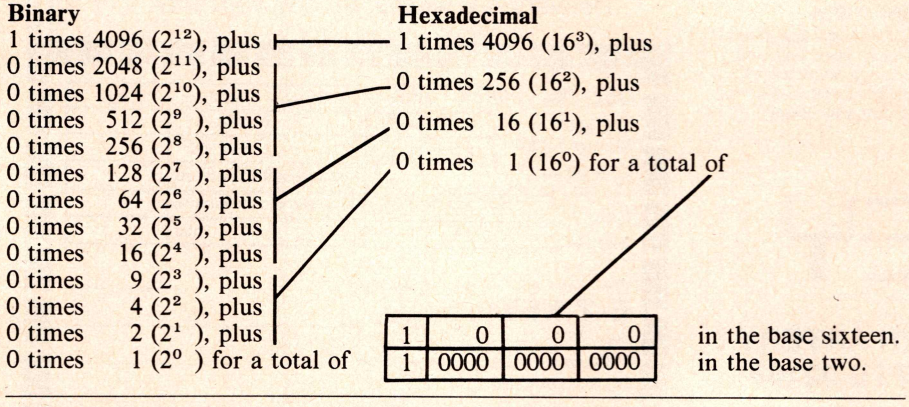
Therefore, our continuing example of "four thousand ninety-six" becomes represented as in Table 2.

Table 2.

(four digit BCD register)

external digit values	4	0	9	6	
internal BCD values	0100	0000	1001	0110	(four bit nibbles)

(sixteen bit register).



Prove this relationship to yourself by reviewing each digit's representation in Table 1. You can now appreciate why the biggest BCD number that can fit in a sixteen bit register is 9999.

In conclusion, if you have worked through the examples, it must be clear by now that any internal or external value can be converted from any number system to any other number system. You can do it, now that you understand the true meaning of each digit, and the conversion process between number systems. You proved it by computing the total of 10,000 in the octal exercise. Congratulations!

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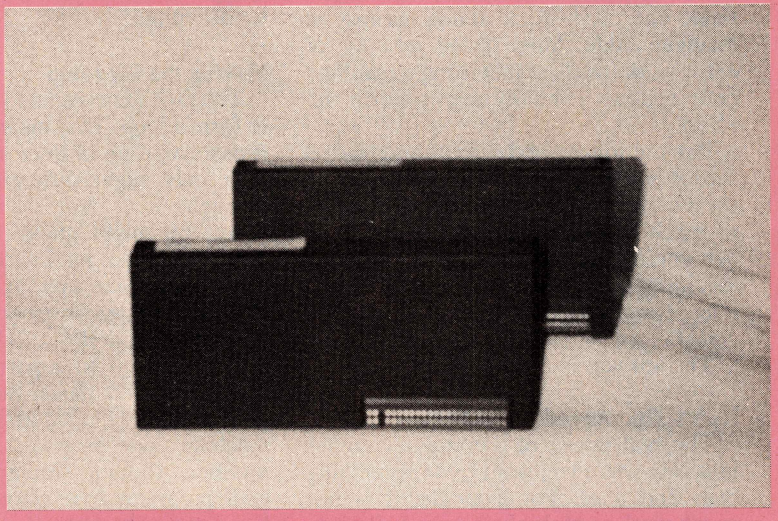

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Looping the Loop

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Maybe you have noticed that very short machine code routines do not seem to work much faster than Basic. There is a reason for that—if it is short and simple. Basic can often do it almost as fast as machine code. Since there is a lot of extra work involved in writing a machine code routine, it hardly seems worth the effort.

But the longer and more complicated the job is, the longer it takes in Basic—and the more you can see the speed advantage of machine code. The question is, how can you do long, complicated jobs using machines code—without having to write long, complicated *programs* in machine code?

The answer, in a word: loops.

How's That Again?

The real power of a computer comes into play when you want to do something over and over. For example, it is not much work to multiply 7 times 5. It probably takes most people longer to type

```
PRINT 7*5
```

than it does to figure out that 35 is the answer.

But suppose you want to multiply 7 by each number from, say, 1 to 30. One way to do it is to write a long program that does one multiplication in each line—something like this:

```
10 PRINT 7*1
20 PRINT 7*2
30 PRINT 7*3
40 PRINT 7*4
```

...and so on. You could multiply numbers by 7 as high as you wanted to go, taking one line for each multiplication.

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But you can get the same results in Basic with a program that is just 4 lines long, no matter how many times you want to multiply. The trick is getting the computer to do the same thing again and again:

```
10 LET A=1
20 PRINT 7*A
30 LET A=A+1
40 GO TO 20
```

If you enter and run this program, you will get more than 20 answers—without a lot of typing.

Making the Big Jump

The GO TO command in Basic is used to form a *loop*. That means the computer repeats a group of lines more than once, with only slight differences each time through.

As you might guess, there is a Z80 machine code instruction that works exactly the same way GO TO does. It is called the *jump* instruction, abreviated "JP". Just as the Basic GO TO causes the program to go to a particular line, the jump instruction makes the Z80 processor go immediately to a particular part of the machine code program. It is not a line number, though (remember, machine code programs do not have line numbers), but a particular byte of memory.

In other words, you can translate a Basic GO TO directly into a machine code jump—*if* you know the memory location you want it to jump to. For example,

```
10 LET A=0
20 LET A=A+1
30 GO TO 20
```

becomes

```
      LD A,0
LOOP: ADD A,1
      JP LOOP
```

"Loop," of course, is just a "dummy" name. When you convert the machine code routine into the numbers the computer will understand, you have to know exactly what memory location the "ADD A,1" instruction begins at.

Maybe that sounds complicated. It is not really; after all, eventually you will have to figure out where the machine code routine will go in memory anyway. Suppose our simple loop routine starts at location 17000. Then it sets up something like this:

```
17000   LD A,0      62,0,
17002   ADD A,1     198,1,
17004   JP 17002    195,106,66
```

The numbers in the right-hand column are the numeric codes that will actually go into the computer. You can check each of them by looking in the back of your ZX81 or T/S 1000 manual, in the appendix titled "The Character Set." "LD A,N" is 62 (and the number to load into register A is 0). "ADD A,N" is 198, and what you are adding is 1. Finally, "JP" is 195. The two numbers that follow are the memory location 17002.

Remember, a byte of memory can only hold a number between 0 and 255. When you make a larger number—such as a memory location—part of a program, you have to fit it into two bytes. First, divide the number by 256; then the *remainder* goes in the first byte, and the *quotient* goes in the second. 17002 divided by 256 is 66 with 106 remainder, so "JP 17002" becomes the three numbers 195,106,66.)

One Small Step Backwards

There is also another kind of jump instruction—and there is nothing in Basic quite like it. It is called a *relative jump*, but you might think of it as a "jump forward or backward" instruction.

Suppose you had a Basic command that would let you "go back" a few lines. You would not have to know the number of the line to GO TO in our simple loop program. You would simply tell the program to "go back one line":

```
10 LET A=0
20 LET A=A+1
30 GO BACK 1
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best way to see how it works is to rewrite our simple loop using it:

```
17000    LD A,0      62,0,
17002    ADD A,1     198,1,
17004    JR-4        24,-4
```

See the difference? With "JR" you do not have to worry about the remainder and the quotient and dividing by 256. You just tell the processor to "go back 4 bytes." No matter where you put this routine in memory, it will always work properly. Unlike the "jp" version, it doesn't have to start at 17000; it can be moved anywhere in memory without being changed.

Why is the instruction "go back 4 bytes" instead of, say, "go back 2 bytes"? Well, the Z80 processor reads the whole instruction first, *then* does what it is told. When it get to the "JP -4" instruction, first it reads the whole instruction—"24,-4". Then it goes back 4 bytes. Going backwards, the first byte is "-4". Then comes "24", then "1", then finally it gets to "198", which is where it starts to work again—the beginning of the "ADD A,1" instruction.

If it were just "JR -2", the processor would go back to the beginning of the jump instruction—something like

```
40 GO TO 40
```

in Basic. It would just keeping coming back to itself. If the instruction were "JR 0" then the processor would not go back at all—it would just continue with the next instruction.

There is a disadvantage to the "JR" instruction—you cannot use it to go back (or forward) more than 127 bytes in your program. But for most machine code routines, that is plenty of room to work with—and if you have to take a bigger step than that, you can always use a "JP" instruction.

Around and Around and...

There is another problem with using a jump instruction to make a loop. If you enter and run the Basic "multiply by 7" loop, you will notice that the program stops only when the screen fills up and you get an error message. There are not any error messages in machine code—so, given a chance, the machine code routines we have just described will keep running forever, or at least until you pull the plug of the computer. That is not very helpful.

The solution: put a limit on the loop by choosing a point at which you want it to stop. For example, you can change the Basic version of the program to look like this:

```
10 LET A=1
20 PRINT 7*A
30 LET A=A+1
40 IF NOT (A=16) THEN GO TO 20
```

Each time the program goes through the loop, variable A gets higher. When the program hits line 40, it will GO TO line 20—as long as A is less than 16. Finally, after printing 15 numbers, A equals 16, and the computer *will not* GO TO 20—instead, it drops out of the loop, and the program ends. There is no more endless loop—and you do not need an error message to stop it any more.

Can we do it in machine code? Yes, but it is just a little tricky. In Z80 machine code, there is no single instruction exactly like the IF...THEN in Basic. The Basic command

```
40 IF NOT (A=16) THEN GO TO 20
```

becomes two machine code instructions: "compare what is in register A to 16, and, if it is not the same, then jump to the beginning of the loop." That is abbreviated as

```
CP 16
JP NZ,LOOP
```

It is *two* instructions, one right after the other.

How can the computer make two separate instructions work together this way? It keeps track of what is going on by using *flags*.

Six Flags over Z80

Almost every time the computer performs a machine code instruction, it takes notes on what has happened. For example, after an "ADD A,N" or "SUB A,N" instruction, the processor notices whether the result was zero, or less than zero, or greater than 255, among other things. (It ignores a few kinds of instructions—for example, it does not take notes on the "load" instructions at all.)

The computer keeps track of all these things in a special "scratch-pad" register called the *flag register*. There are six flags that go up or down, depending on the result of the instruction. For example, when a "SUB A,B" instruction leaves a zero in register A, the "zero" flag goes up; if the result is not a zero, the zero flag comes down.

You can make a jump instruction depend on whether a particular flag is up or down.

To send the flag up or down in our loop, we will test the value in register A with a "compare" instruction. "Compare" is abbreviated "CP"; it compares what is in register A to some other number. For example,

```
CP B
```

will compare the value in register A with the value in register B.

```
CP 23
```

compares the value in register A with the number 23.

How does the processor compare them? It *subtracts* the number from the value in register A—but it does not actually change register A. In other words, it figures what the result *would* be—but it does not actually put the answer in register A, as a subtract instruction would.

Maybe you are wondering what good "CP" is—after all, you are not going to get an answer from it. But with a compare instruction, though you never see the result, the processor *does* take notes—it sets the flags, depending on what the answer would have been.

Get the idea? Once the flags are set, we can use a jump instruction that works only if the flags are the way we want them.

For example, suppose register A holds the number 42, and register B *also* contains the number 42. After a "CP B" instruction, since 42 minus 42 would be zero, the zero flag is up.

```
JP Z,location
JR Z,howfar
```

("Location" and "howfar" are just dummies; in a real program you would have to replace them with an actual memory location or distance.)

Suppose registers A and B held two *different* numbers. Then 'A minus B" would *not* be zero. These jump instructions will jump only if the zero flag is *down*:

```
JP NZ,location
JR NZ,howfar
```

These two jump only if the result is *less* than zero:

```
JP C,location
JR C,howfar
```

(The "C" stands for "carry." That is because it is the same flag that goes up when you add two numbers together and the result is larger than a register can hold. It lets you know that you have to "carry" part of the result into another register or memory location. Do not get confused—it is completely different from register C.)

These instructions jump only when the result is greater than or equal to zero:

```
JP NC,location
JR NC,howfar
```

Here are a few examples to show how IF...THEN in Basic can translate into the compare-and-jump sequence:

IF NOT (A=45) THEN GO TO...	CP 45
(or IF A<>45 THEN GO TO....)	JP NZ,location
IF A=7 THEN GO TO...	CP 7
	JP Z,location
IF A<B THEN GO TO...	CP B
	JP C,location
IF A>=C THEN GO TO....	CP C
(or IF NOT (A<C) THEN GO TO...)	JP NC,location

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Take Ten

Has this got you running in circles? Take a short breather. While you do, take a look at the brief machine code routine in Listing 1; it adds up the numbers from 1 to 10. See if you can follow exactly how it does it.

Listing 1.

```
        LD A,1      62,1,
        LD HL,0     33,0,0,
        LD B,0      6,0,
        LD C,A      79,
LOOP:   ADD HL,BC   9,
        ADD A,1     198,1,
        CP 11       254,11
        JR NZ,-8    32,-8,
        LD B,H      68,
        LD C,1      77,
        RET         201
```

You can put this 18-byte routine in memory by using the Basic program in Figure 1. Remember to save some space at the top of memory before you load it in.

First, reserve space at the top of memory like this:

4K ROM:

Type PRINT USR(620). Wait until the screen clears, then type PRINT USR(620) again.

8K ROM:

Run this program:

```
10 POKE 16388,-20
20 POKE 16389,PEEK 16389-1
30 NEW
```

Now, for either ROM, run the following program. Enter the numbers in the right-hand column of the machine code program listing, in exactly the order they appear. If the program is shorter than 18 bytes, fill each extra space by typing zeros.

Figure 1.

```
10 LET Q=17390
20 FOR A=0 TO 17
30 PRINT A; "########";
40 INPUT B
50 POKE A+Q,B
60 PRINT PEEK (A+Q),
70 NEXT A
80 LET B=USR (Q)
90 CLS
100 PRINT B
```

This program is designed for a ZX80 or ZX81 with 1K RAM. For a 2K Timex/Sinclair 1000, change line 10 to read

```
10 LET Q=18414
```

If you are using a 16K RAM module, change it to

```
10 LET Q=32750
```

Multiplication Time

There is no machine code instruction to multiply two numbers on the Z80 microprocessor—the process is just a bit too complicated for its tiny electronic brain. Fortunately, it is not hard to fake multiplication by using addition and a loop.

For example, to multiply 17 by 23 in Basic—without actually multiplying—type in and run this program:

```
10 LET A=17
20 LET B=23
30 LET H=0
40 LET H=H+B
50 LET A=A-1
600 IF NOT (A=0) THEN GO TO 40
70 PRINT H
```

See how it works? Starting with zero in H, you add 23 to it 17 times. The answer, naturally enough, will be 17 times 23.

You can translate this directly into the machine code. The translation is in Listing 2.

Listing 2.

```
        LD A,17     62,17,
        LD BC,23    1,23,0,
        LD HL,0     33,0,0,
LOOP:   ADD HL,BC   9,
        SUB A,1     214,1
        CP 0        254,0,
        JR NZ,-7    32,-7,
        LD B,H      68,
        LD C,L      77,
        RET         201
```

Enter and run this routine using the program in Figure 1. Once you have tried it, you can replace 17 and 23 with other numbers. If you are using the 4K ROM, you will notice that sometimes the result will be negative. That happens when the product is larger than 32767, the highest number your computer can display. To get the correct answer, add 65536 to the negative number.

Optimize!

What is optimizing? It just means making a program more efficient. For example, take another look at the loop in our multiplication program. We can make the routine a little shorter—and a little faster—by using some special Z80 instructions that do not have any equivalents in Basic.

For example, there is the Z80 instruction *increment*, abbreviated "INC." "Increment" means "add one." In other words,

```
INC A
```

is almost exactly the same as

```
ADD A,1
```

(The difference is that "INC" does not send up all the same flags as "ADD.")

The instruction *decrement*, or "DEC" for short, is exactly the opposite; it subtracts one:

```
DEC A
```

is very much like

```
SUB A,1
```

You can increment or decrement any of the regular registers—A, B, C, D, E, H, or L. And instead of taking two bytes of machine code, like "ADD" and "SUB" do, "INC" and "DEC" only take one byte.

But wait, there is more.

All four of these instrucions—"ADD", "SUB", "INC", and "DEC"—will send up the zero flag if the result is zero. That means we can also get rid of the compare instruction that comes before the jump in our multiplication routine.

Here is how it works: each time it goes through the loop, the number in register A drops by 1. when it gets down to zero, the processor sends up the zero flag. We do not actually *have* to test register A with "CP O"—the flag has already been set. Now we can replace three instructions with two—and shorten the routine by three bytes in the process.

The new version of the routine is in Listing 3. Notice that there is a change in the jump instruction, too—now that we have shortened the loop by 3 bytes, the processor only has to jump back 4, instead of the original 7.

Listing 3.

```
        LD A,17     62,17,
        LD BC,23    1,23,0,
        LD HL,0     33,0,0,
LOOP:   ADD HL,BC   9,
        DEC A       61,
        JR NZ,-4    32,-4
        LD B,H      68,
        LD C,L      77,
        RET         201
```

Coming Attractions

...So now we can multiply—which is something much easier to do in Basic. Why multiply using a machine code loop?

The answer is simple: a loop is a loop. Once you have the hang of using it for something easy, like multiplying, you can start applying it to more interesting problem Next time we will use it to put something on your television screen, and you will see how fast your computer can be—even in "SLOW" mode. When a machine code routine prints something, it leaves Basic behind in a cloud of dust.

If you have comments or questions about machine code programming, or something is not quite clear, let me hear from you. Be sure to send along a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you need a reply. ■

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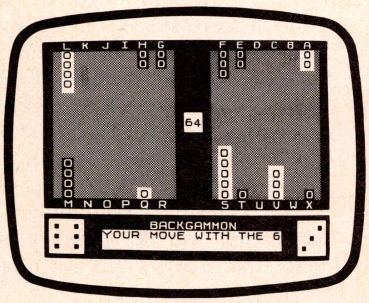

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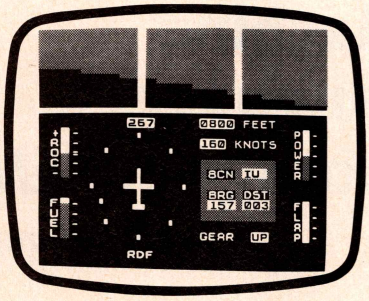

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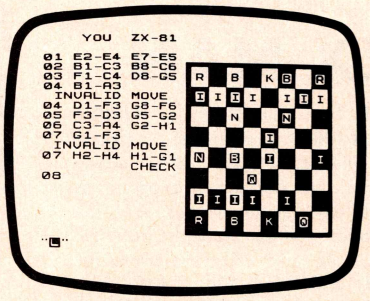

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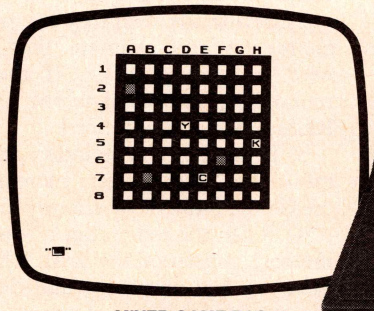

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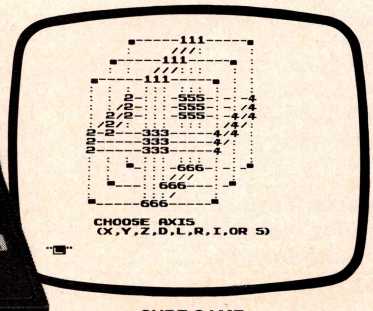

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If you need to provide storage space for even a moderately long machine lansuage program, filling a REM statement with exactly the right number of dummy characters can be quite a chore, and making space for a really long problem is sheer drudgery. There is a way that you can provide as many spaces as you like without having to type even 100 dummy characters.

As I am sure you know, the EDIT function can be used to duplicate an existing line. It would seem that this could be used to create as much storage space as required, and it can.

However, there is more to it than just duplicating lines. Since the ZX81 does not store lines exactly as you enter them, this complicates matters a little. The decimal line number is converted and stored as a two byte hexadecimal number. All commands within a statement are stored as a single hexadecimal code byte. Two more bytes are used to store the byte count of the line, starting at the first code byte and including the decimal number 118 with which each line is terminated.

When a series of consecutive REM statements is to be used to provide storage for machine language the leading four bytes of the second and subsequent REMs cannot simply be overwritten. Your machine language program would almost certainly crash.

The solution is relatively simple. Change the byte count of the first REM statement to include the byte count of all of the REM statements to be used for machine language storage. This count must include not only the dummy characters in each REM, but also the other bytes the ROM uses in storing the line. Two for the line number, two for the byte count, one for the command code byte and one for the terminator for a total of six.

Therefore, if you wanted to reserve 500 spaces, it would seem logical to assume that five REMs, each containing 94 dummy characters would do the job. Let's see if it will.

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In the first REM only the terminator will be converted to a storage space. That's 95 spaces. All 100 bytes of the second, third, and fourth REMs will become storage space, but only 99 of the fifth because the terminator must remain. This makes a total of 494 storage spaces, six short. Five REMs of 95 characters will still be one short. EDIT can be used to add one more character to one of the REMs.

You can find the number of REM statements and the number of dummy characters that should be in each one in the following manner:

1) Add six to the number of storage locations that you need.

2) Divide the result by the number of characters you estimate that you will need in each plus six. If there is no remainder, the result is the number of REMs that you will need.

3) If there is a remainder, and, if it is more than the integer, increase or decrease the number of dummy characters.

4) When the remainder is less than the integer, construct the first REM statement on line number 1 and duplicate it the required number of times. Then add the remainder, if any, to one of the lines using EDIT.

5) To check everything up to this point, add 16514 to the number of storage locations that you intend to create and PEEK the resulting locations that you intend to create and PEEK the resulting address. You should find 118 there which is the terminator of the last REM statement in decimal form.

6) Now add 2 to the number of storage locations you want and divide the result by 256. POKE the remainder, even if it is zero, into 16511 and the integer into 16512, the locations of the byte count.

The first time you use this system, you will probably think it did not work because, when the Basic program is listed, the REMs that were supposed to be eliminated will still be listed. Before you spend a lot of time and effort checking for errors and then writing a letter to the editor if you cannot find any, try this. Use the up and down arrows to move the cursor. You should find that it skips from line 1 to the line following the last REM listed or, if there is no such line, the cursor should stay on line 1. If the cursor does not do this, *then* start looking for errors.

This system can also be used to add more space for machine language programs if you should need it. In this case it becomes very simple. Just add the total number of bytes in all of the REMs that you add. Although the terminator of the last new REM cannot be converted to storage, the terminator of the existing REM will be, so everything comes out even. ■

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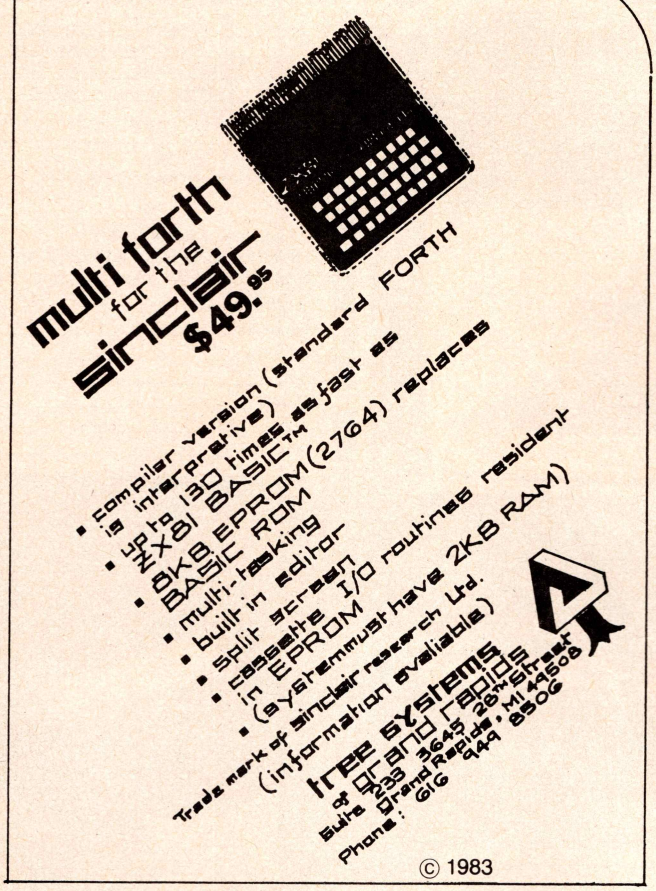

System Expansion Hardware

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System Enclosures and Radio Frequency Interference

In a previous article (*SYNC* 2:3) we considered a standard keyboard conversion for the MicroAce and Sinclair ZX80/1 computers as a foundation for expansion-oriented systems. Because a keyboard array usually requires an enclosure and the VHF modulator-based display of "American" systems is susceptable to machine-generated radio frequency (RF) interference, a metal enclosure was considered a valuable addition. CPU/system generated RF interference can reach the television via the power line (inadequate power supply filtering) and via direct radiation (inadequate computer or peripheral shielding).

Although one can bypass RF emission problems by directly driving a composite video monitor or by replacing the VHF modulator with a "European-type" UHF unit, good engineering practices and the FCC suggest shielding the system. For settings which require minimized RF emission (e.g., the brain research laboratory in which I work) good practice definitely rules. My mail, some of which has complained about poor video display quality with unshielded, plastic keyboard enclosure kits, indicates that functional RF shielding is probably a necessity for other serious users as well. With a metal enclosure, one does not need to connect added "ground planes" to system 0 volts—the entire chassis becomes a grounded shield.

Because I had a ZX81, I decided to mount my ZX80 "semi-permanently" inside a large aluminium keyboard enclosure (BUD type KB 13202). Some salvaged plastic printed circuit card guides were trimmed and glued to the inside of the enclosure cover, and the bare Sinclair board could fit snugly inside its new housing. A slot was cut in the back of the new enclosure to allow access to the bus edge connector. A small utility box was attached by screws to the back of the main housing, and mini-phone plug extensions were made for power and tape connections.

The enclosure was 'grounded' (connected to system 0 volts) at the shield of extension cable from the 9 volt connector on the computer. Inadvertent contact with system ground was avoided by coating external bare metal surfaces with epoxy paint. The enclosure layout left plenty of room inside for future additions, such as a heavy duty power supply, batteries, or additional circuitry. This particular enclosure was also large enough to accommodate a "fully dressed" ZX81, and a mounting bracket could make use of the Sinclair-designed screw holes for accessories on the plastic chassis. The use of the connector box and phone-plug extensions made it possible to add a power switch and indicator, as well as an additional connector for direct video.

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The original sense of the conversion was retained because the computer can be rapidly and easily returned to its original case. The keyboard conversion as a unit also became a foundation (less portable!) for expansion of the Sinclair system with emphasis on typing/input convenience and "laboratory grade" peripheral modules. The rest of this article considers two approaches to modules which could be used in such expansion.

Experimenter's Prototype Module

At this point, I will admit another prejudice—ever since the first 8080 CPU systems were introduced, I have wanted to own a microcomputer "development system." Over the years, various manufacturers have marketed many different systems configured for experimenting with and designing peripheral hardware. For the most part, however, such systems have been relatively more expensive and "less friendly" than the simultaneously evolving personal computers. The serious computer hobbyist or dedicated "hacker" thus had

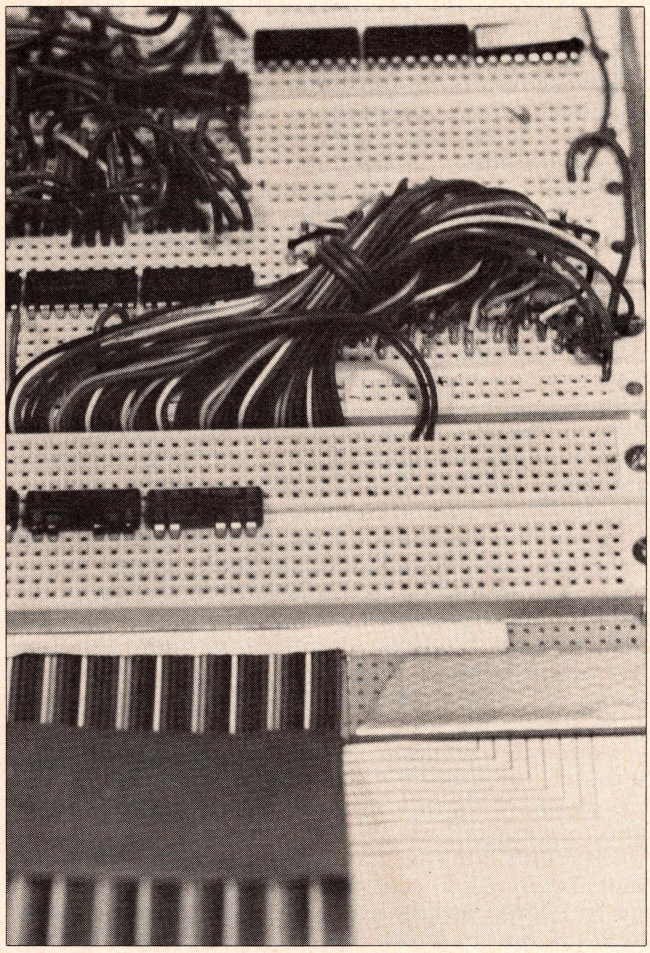

Figure 1. Closeup of prototype connectors showing insertion of ICs, jumper wires, and ribbon cable leads. In this picture all bus lines are inserted in terminal holes in a restricted area of the prototype connector.

to buy a costly commercial development system or had to overcome hardware and software limitations of using a "home computer." When Sinclair introduced the ZX80 and ZX81, it became apparent that they could be used as inexpensive components in such development systems, while retaining their stand-alone capability and "user-friendly" characteristics. Very nearly the "minimum system" described in the *Ziloq Z80A Technical Manual*, the ZX81 has the particular advantages of: 1) an operating system and Basic which support printer and input/output (I/O) opera-

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tions; 2) an expansion bus which provides access to all Z80A pin signals; 3) the ability to call machine code routines from Basic; and 4) the fundamental capacity of the Z80A for both controller and mathematical/logical computation operations.

Given the apparent suitability of the ZX80/1, I set out to produce a peripheral which allows the rapid design and development of new hardware. For the electronics experimenter, nothing currently beats 0.1″ dual in-line package (DIP) spacing "proto-board" connectors for speeding assembly of functional circuits, and Figure 3 shows an experimenter's prototype module based on these components.

I chose some Continental Specialty QT-59S and QT-59B connectors, 1 ′ of standard 50 conductor "rainbow" ribbon cable, a 50 pin Winchester 0.1″ dual readout PCB edge connector, and some Amphenol 220-P02-100 male miniature connector pins. Other commonly available edge or "proto-board" connectors could have been used. The PCB edge connector was simply cut to 46 pin length, keyed, then press-fitted to one end of the ribbon cable. Individual wires at the other end of the cable were separated, stripped, and terminated with the Amphenol pines (soldered). Continuity and lack of shorts were confirmed for all wires between the pins and the PCB connector.

In order to identify the signal associated with each ribbon cable lead, wire markers were made. A list of ZX bus signals was typed on a sheet of paper, and each signal name was cut out and attached like a flag to the appropriate wire using clear cellophane tape. A wire bracket was glued to the back of the PBC connector to aid in insertion and removal.

The protoboard connectors were mounted on a piece of phenolic circuit board, and the pin end of the ribbon cable was passed between two of the connector strips, as shown in Figure 1. The phenolic board served as a spacer between the connectors and the enclosure in which the assembly was mounted. The L.M.B. OH-743 aluminum cabinet was large enough (7″ x 6″ x 2 3/4″) to enclose the proto-board assembly while allowing external panel space for mounting I/O connectors, switches, indicators, and potentiometers needed for circuit construction. A slot was cut in the side of the cabinet to allow passage of the ribbon cable. For reducing radio frequency interference, a ground (zero volt) lead from the bus was connected to the cabinet. To avoid inadvertent contact with system ground, exposed metal surfaces were coated with epoxy paint.

Using such a protoboard, one can rapidly construct circuits such as the Z80 PIO described by Alger Salt (*SYNC* 1:4), analog to digital converters, and other devices useful for communicating with the "real world."

Particularly attractive LSI chips for such experiments include the Zilog Z80 counter/timer (CTC), direct memory address (DMA), and the serial I/O (SIO) circuits, as well as the 82xx series of microprocessor components made by Intel and others.

Power for the experimental circuits can be drawn directly from the 9 and 5 volt bus lines. However, care must be taken not to load down the ZX power supply or regulator. Furthermore, since ZX bus lines are unbuffered, special care must also be taken not to load or to short the other signals. If the device being constructed does not connect too many ICs to each line and the connecting cable is short, little trouble may be experienced. However, the best practice is to buffer the control, data, and address lines. This can be done on the proto-board with 74LS244 or 81LS95 octal tristate noninverting drivers for unidirectional bus signals (e.g., A0-A16) and 74LS245 octal tristate noninverting bus trans-

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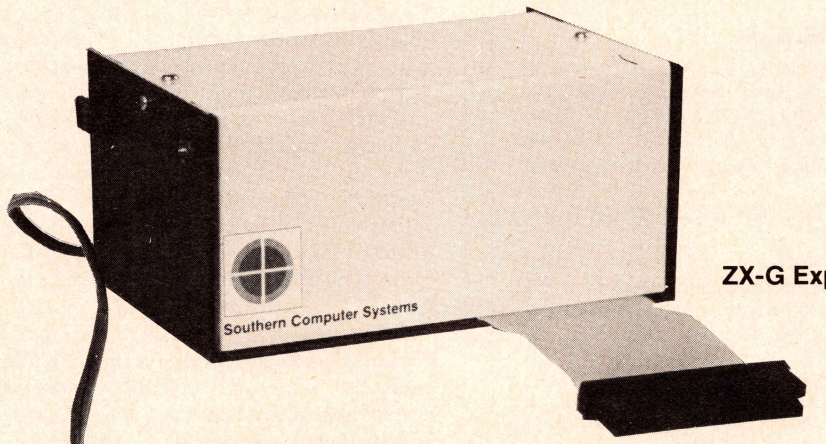

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ceivers for bidirectional signals. As an alternative, the prototype module can be used with a buffered bus expansion. (See Figure 3.)

Computer Continuum Buffered Bus Expansion Board

There are now many bus "expanders" available commercially for the ZX80/1, Timex/Sinclair, and MicroAce computers. One can adapt the Sinclair bus to drive S-100 or STD bus compatible devices, or one may opt to use the many accessories configured for the ZX80/1 bus connector. The latter approach has some special merit, because many peripheral manufacturers are following the Sinclair lead in producing simple, inexpensive devices. Perhaps the earliest buffered "mother-board" of this latter type was offered in the U.S.A. by Computer Continuum of San Francisco. In addition to the ZX80/1-type bus connectors, however, the Computer Continuum board has four additional connectors which allow one to use many of the standard perforated prototype board commonly available in stores such as Radio Shack.

The expansion board may be obtained from Computer Continuum as either a bare, printed circuit board or a "complete kit" including sockets and integrated circuits—minus an enclosure. The board is of extremely high quality, with plated-through holes and a durable solder mask. Builders who soldered their own Sinclairs will find the Computer Continuum board extremely easy to work with, due to the uncramped part spacing.

As shown in Figure 2, a nearly complete expansion board has a female, 44 contact, 0.1″ spacing connector for mating with the ZX80/1 card edge, buffering and bus control circuitry, a 5 volt power supply regulator, four standard 44 pin 0.156″ spacing dual readout PC edge connectors, and two spaces/connectors for 50 (48) pin 0.1″ ZX80/1-style connectors or cable headers. The board is set up for a 5 volt 3 amp LM 323K regulator, and it only requires a 9 volt rec-

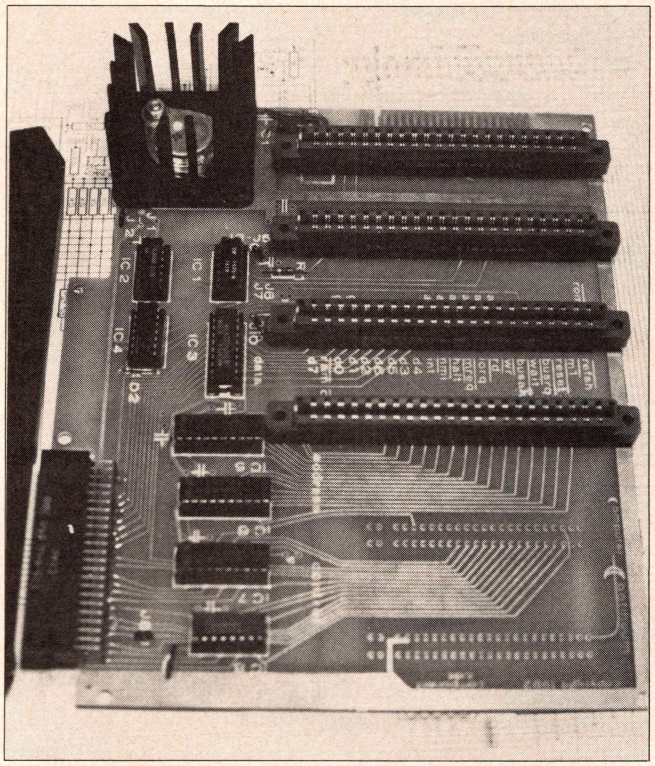

Figure 2. Computer Continuum expansion board shown at connection to ZX81. No PC board mounting flange.

tified source to provide power for the expansion hardware and the computer. The expansion board contains many jumper-selected options (good show!) to allow such things as

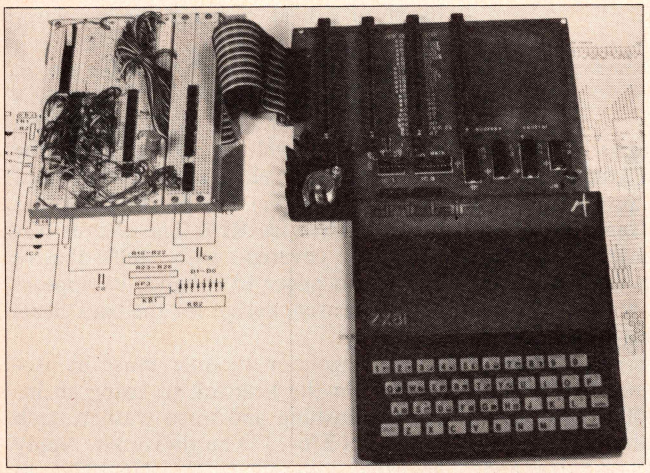

Figure 3. Bare prototype module attached to expansion board "Sinclair-type" connector edge. This configuration allows prototype module circuitry to be driven by buffered bus lines.

using the 9 volt Sinclair power supply, I/O addressing, and bus disabling. The four 0.156″ connectors allow the serious experimenter to use durable prototypes built with readily available wire-wrap or solder-pad experimenter's boards, while the board also has one connector/edge for "standard" peripherals like the ZX 16K memory. All connectors are buffered, preventing ZX bus loading. An earlier version of this expansion board had the 0.1″ connector solder pads "flipped" left-to-right, inverting the order of the signals as they would normally appear on the ZX80/1 bus edge connectors and requiring some "reverse Polish engineering" to obtain connector compatibility with manufactured peripherals. The current version of the board has "right" 0.1″ connector pad configuration and additional options available for I/O addressing logic.

As a whole, I found the Computer Continuum expansion board to be a beautifully executed kit allowing relatively inexpensive yet flexible expansion of the ZX80/1 bus capacity.

Hardware Logic: Permutations and Combinations

SYNC readers can probably come up with many different ways to put together all these system pieces. Focusing on the bus expansion board, several permutations are possible. The Computer Continuum Expansion Board has a flange which allows it to be firmly fixed to a standard ZX81 or T/S 1000 using machine screws threaded into the Sinclair chassis accessory screw holes. Alternatively, a bare ZX81 card may be vertically mounted on the expansion board with the use of a straight-pin 0.1″ connector. In either case, the manufacturer has assumed that the expansion board is not housed in an enclosure.

As discussed above, this can create great video display problems for a system employing a VHF modulator. Computer Continuum currently deals with this issue by recommending that one substitute a UHF modulator or shield the television's tuner stage. As suggested above, a complementary procedure might be to mount the expansion board in a large aluminum chassis box. This solution sacrifices some flexibility, however, placing some physical limits on the size of PC cards one could use in the accessory slots.

A simpler approach is to construct two aluminum ground plane covers for the top and bottom of the expansion board. The covers can be attached using the screw holes provided on the PCB and connectors. The profile of the expansion board module is kept low, and each peripheral card could be supplied with its own ground plane shielding. With this scheme, one could make use of the mounting flange for a standard ZX81 or T/S 1000.

Connections from the keyboard conversion unit to the expansion board module can be made with a ribbon cable using 0.1″ dual readout male and female connectors (available through Computer Continuum and other sources). The prototyping module and other peripherals could then be attached to the expansion module connector edge. Note that use of an unshielded ribbon cable adds a source of RF emission to the system.

Using the prototype module in conjunction with the expansion board described there has several advantages. THe greatest asset is to be able to build a circuit rapidly on the prototype connectors and then to transfer this circuit to a "hard-wired" soldered or wire wrapped card which can be plugged into the 0.156″ connectors.

In following articles, we will consider the construction of other modules using this system, with the intent of building components for use in educational or laboratory settings. In particular, we will focus on time/frequency and voltage measurements and use of FORTH as a language for control and analysis. ■

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If not, or if you wish to make up an adapter for portable use, a metal chassis box (such as RS 270-235) will provide a heat sink as well as shielding for the components. Shielded cable may be used for the DC power line to the computer to further reduce RFI. The chassis box may be covered with self-adhesive woodgrain paper to enhance its appearance if desired, except for the back heat-sink panel.

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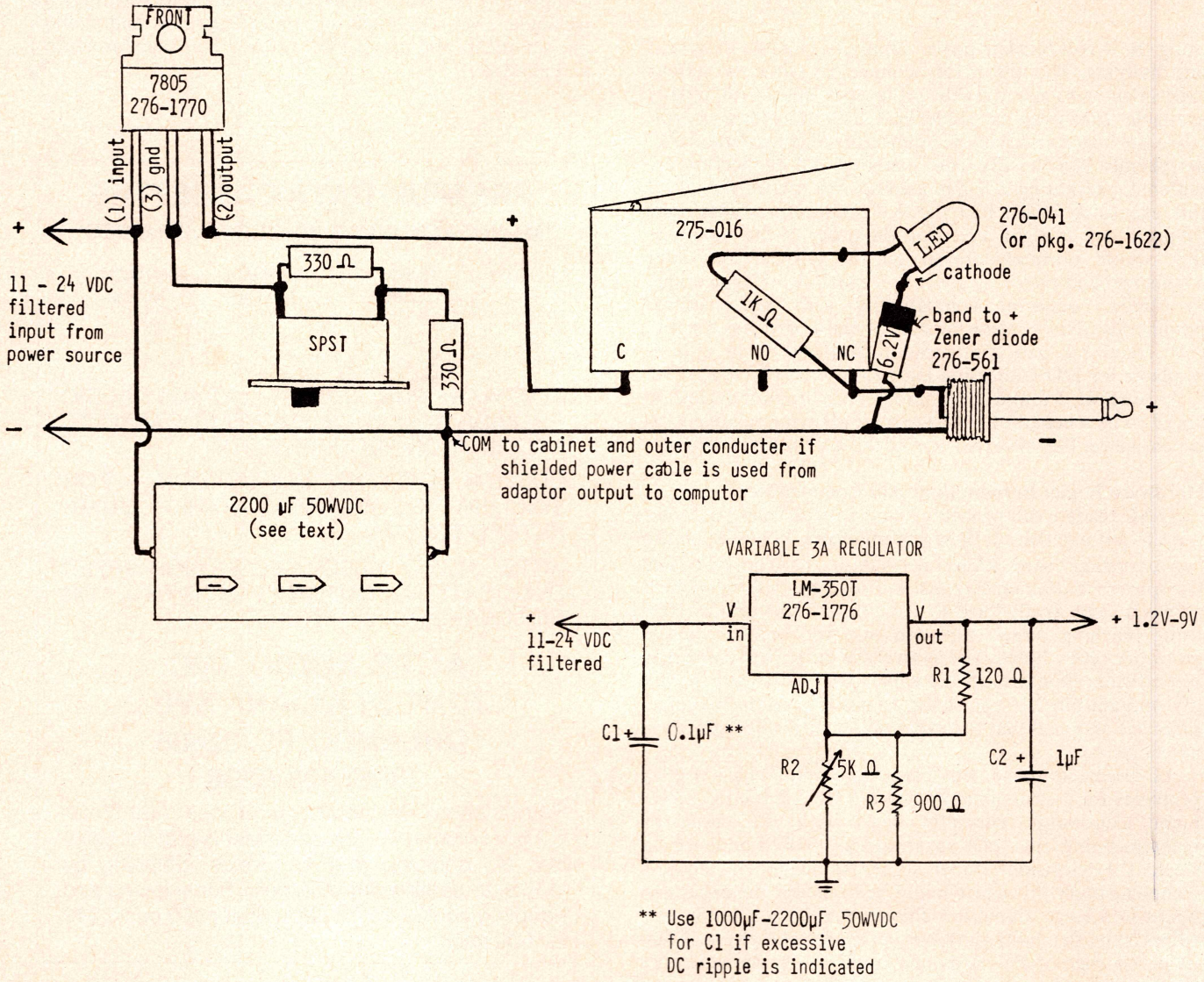

mounting to ensure maximum heat transfer. If the LM 350T regulator is used to provide variable regulation, a 5-K variable resistor shunted by an experimentally-determined resistance connected in parallel will limit the highest output voltage to a pre-set value, nominally 9 volts. To raise the regulated output voltage of the 7805 from its rated 5 volts to 9 volts, solder a 330Ω and a 390Ω resistor in series to the center ("gnd") terminal of the regulator and the negative (-) lead from the power source. Solder the positive (+) lead from the power source to the No. 1 ("input") terminal of the regulator. Solder the positive (+) 9 VDC lead to the remaining ("output") terminal of the regulator. The negative (-) 9 V lead is connected to a common-ground terminal lug on the chassis box along with the negative (-) lead from the power source. Both 9 VDC leads are terminated in the mini-plug to the computer power jack. Be sure the plug tip is positive (+) 9 VDC and the barrel is negative (-) 9 VDC before plugging it into the computer.

Since only 7 VDC is required by the computer except during SAVE mode, an SPST switch may be added to provide both 7 V and 9 V from the one regulator. Connect the 390Ω resistor in shunt between the two switch lugs and insert the switch in series between the 330Ω resistor and ground (-). At the lower voltage the computer and the RAM pack may be left on for hours without overheating problems.

Enter these lines into the computer and RUN with the switch in the 7-volt position:

1 PRINT "■"; (Graphic space)
2 RUN

There should be no white lines or horizontal blank bar(s) appearing in the display of the large black rectangle. If white lines are present, the low-range voltage should be raised slightly by replacing the 330Ω resistor with the 390Ω and then placing the 330Ω where the 390Ω was. If LOADing problems now occur in the high-voltage mode which did not appear before changing the switch-shunt resistor, change this shunting resistance to its original value of 390Ω which should produce slightly over 9 V and the switch in high-range position.

If a single band of interference or a broad blank bar in the TV display gives indication of insufficient power supply filtering, try connecting a 2200 μF 50 WVDC capacitor to the positive (+) and negative (-) power-source leads at the regulator, observing proper polarity as marked on the capacitor. A 1000 μF 35 WVDC capacitor may suffice if space is a problem. *Caution:* Pull AC power plug before working on supply.

A lever-type "panic switch" (RS 275-016) and a voltage-indicating LED pilot light may be added also. Insert the micro-switch in the positive (+) 9 VDC lead near the computer power plug. Make the connections to the C and NC (normally-closed) switch-lugs. Solder a 1K resistor to the anode lead (opposite the flatted side) of the LED and in series to the switch-lug which is connected to the computer plug. Solder a 6.2 V zener diode (RS 276-561) to the other LED lead (cathode) and in series to the negative (-) 9 VDC conductor to the computer plug. The banded end of the zener diode must go toward the LED to function properly. At 7 volts or below, the LED will not be lighted, and by observing its normal brilliance level at 9 volts any abnormal voltage-variations will be apparent if they occur.

Figure 1 shows the relative placement of the components. It is not drawn to scale nor to the actual mounting locations, which will depend upon the type of box or cabinet used. ■

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8K Non-Volatile Memory Kit

Peter D. Hoffman

8K Non-Volatile Memory Kit. Hunter, 1630 Forest Hills Dr., Okemos, MI 48864. Complete kit: $29.95 plus shipping; PC board and manual: $15.00.

The Non-Volatile memory (NVM) kit is a battery backup powered RAM board that is primarily designed to fill the transparent address area between 8K and 16K in the Sinclair ZX80/81. The key feature of this product is that with the onboard battery, the routines stored in NVM are retained even with ZX81 power supply unplugged.

The transparent address area is not affected by the Sinclair operating system. Commands such as NEW do not disturb this area. This area is the ideal place to store machine language routines instead of in REM statements, string variables, or above RAMTOP. Thus you can develop your own system utilities, machine language subroutines, alternate display file, etc. Since this is RAM, the routine can be easily modified. For versatility this is even better than an EPROM. The NVM can also be used at any of the 8K blocks between OK and 32K.

The complete kit comes with instructions, PC board, all components, lithium battery, and one HM611P-3 CMOS static RAM chip. The one chip provides 2K RAM. The space and sockets will accept full complement of four RAM chips. Construction takes a leisurely four hours to complete.

The lithium battery provides 10 months of life with one 2K chip on the board and 2+ months with four of the standard RAM chips. There is available from suppliers (at a premium price) a low power version of the 6116 which uses only $\frac{1}{5}$ the power during idle.

The PC board is of very good quality and has several design touches that are nice extra features. A CPU reset pushbutton eliminates unplugging the power when crashes occur. There is a connection provided for a secondary backup battery, such as NiCads, which will further extend the life of the lithium battery. Extensive jumper connections are provided to handle the various options described in the documentation.

The instructions and documentation are strong points in this kit. The documentation is very complete and lucid. There is no trouble in following the construction instructions. The documentation includes parts list, schematic, lots of notes to cover the other options available, such as use of 2716/2732 EPROMs, EPROM/RAM mixture, or use with the ZX80. Finally, a sample program shows the use of a rapid secondary display file and utility programs for saving and reloading the NVM from backup tape.

I did have some initial problems with the contact between the NVM board and the Sinclair 16K RAM pack which piggybacks onto the NVM. The connector board simply needed to be cleaned to remove residual solder flux. Three was also a problem with defective retention of the memory. After much experimentation and modification, I found that this was occurring during the power transients and that the simple expedient of holding down the reset button while plugging/unplugging the 9V power cured the problem.

The edge connector to the computer is a wirewrap style with the wirewrap pins projecting through the NVM PC board to carry the signals to the 16K RAM pack. The small board, to which the 16K RAM pack connects, is placed between the wirewrap pins, the pins are bent inward and soldered to the board. This looks a little strange and awkward at first, but actually makes for a very sturdy assembly. The complete assembly of computer, RAM pack, and NVM makes a firmer connection with less wobble and crash problems than the original.

The ability to have utility routines available without having to do a tape reload at every session is a boon to a machine language programmer. This kit ranks quite high on the list of "must haves" for any serious machine language work. ■

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Flight Simulation

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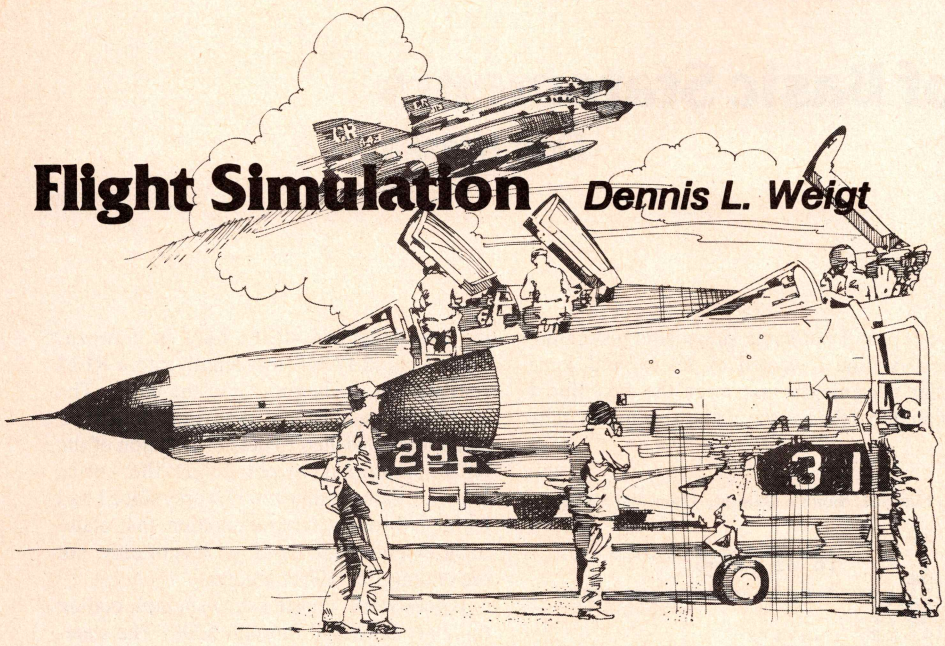

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First, is the map. This shows the surrounding area, including the runway, the various navigational beacons, and a cliff that rises 1500 feet (don't get too low). Also, your present location shows up as a flashing dot on the map.

Assuming that you have successfully navigated to the airport, the third display comes into view. On final approach, the instrument panel disappears, and the entire screen is a view of the approaching runway. As you head in, only three essential readouts are given to you. The airspeed, the altitude, and the ILS indicator. ILS is Instrument Landing system, and it shows you graphically whether you are high, low, or off-center on your approach.

On touchdown, the plane automatically brakes to a stop, and you are rated on your performance.

Overall, I feel this is one of the most impressive programs fo the Sinclair. The control responses are quick and fairly realistic, the instrument panel is very well done, and the final approach is exciting.

Faults? A few, but they are minor: 1) the limits on the bank and pitch you can achieve; 2) in real life you *can* recover from a stall, but not in the simulator; 3) no matter how steep you dive, once you lose power you lose airspeed till you stall.

Still, overall, it is a fantastic program. I thought it was worth the money when it was $24.95; at $9.95 it is a bargain. ■

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Deleting Blocks of Basic Statements

Don Kraska

On several occasions, I have had to delete a large block of Basic program statements from an existing program. For example, I developed a loader program to process "pseudo machine code" into actual absolute address machine language code. The loader is written in Basic and is several hundred statements in length. After the machine language code is debugged and running properly, I only want to retain the REM statements containing the machine code, not the loader. Deleting the loader program one line at a time is a tedious, time consuming process. I decided there had to be a better way.

Closer inspection of the chapter on system variables in the manual, uncovered the word NXTLIN at address 16425. The definition is:

SX2 16425 NXTLIN *Address of next program line to be executed.*

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Suppose I put some statements just before the first line I wanted to delete, and some other statements just after the last line I wanted to delete. I should be able to calculate the total length of all the lines in between. Then I could POKE this length into a REM statement at the beginning of the block. The REM statement would then include all the statements I wished to delete. Deletion of the REM statement would delete the entire length. I thought this would work, since I had learned through experimentation that statement deletions are based on length only, not the ending ENTER character.

It does work. Figure 1 shows sample coding to delete lines 200 through 5000. The statements with line numbers which are not multiples of 10 are the statements necessary to perform the deletion. After adding the necessary statements, type in: GOTO 5001 and hit ENTER. You will stop with 9/199. Now delete lines 191, 192 and 5002. Lines 200-5000 will be deleted and also all the coding used to delete them. ■

Figure 1. Sample Deleting Lines 200-5000.

```
  10
   .       (10-190 ARE LINES
   .       TO BE KEPT)
 190
 191 LET S=PEEK 16425+256*PEEK 1
6426+3
 192 REM
 193 LET L=E-S-1
 194 POKE S,INT (L/256)
 195 POKE S-1,L-256*PEEK S
 199 STOP
 200
   .       (200-5000 ARE LINES
   .       TO DELETE)
5000
5001 LET E=PEEK 16425+256*PEEK 1
6426
5002 GOTO 191
5010
   .       (5010-9990 ARE LINES
   .       TO BE KEPT)
9990
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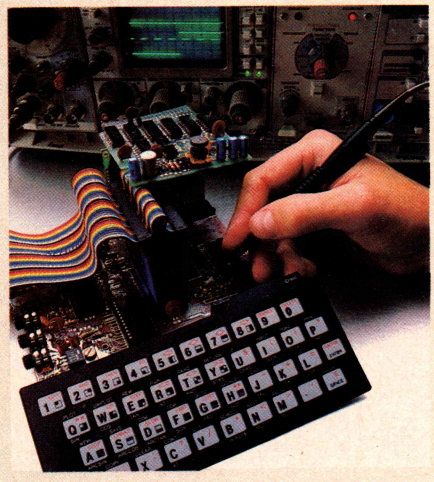

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Math Support from Your ZX81

Raymond Fowkes

I am sometimes asked if a computer can do homework. The answer is "Not really," but there are some ways it can be a real help, especially in the area of math or algebra. The following program uses the functions of the 8K ROM to do this. It is made up of four sub-programs and, with 16K, each may be accessed by pressing the number shown on the screen until the new prompt shows up. If you have 2K RAM, the program should be entered as two separate parts: lines 10-750 excluding 20, and lines 600-890. With 1K, the first three sections (150-270, 300-400, 450-570) will have to be used as three separate programs.

The first routine takes any integer and displays its prime factorization. This has several applications including reducing fractions, finding common denominators, etc. Programs like this are not new, but this one is quite fast and can handle negative numbers.

The second part is similar to the first in that it finds the largest square factor of any integer, which is especially helpful in simplifying problems involving square roots.

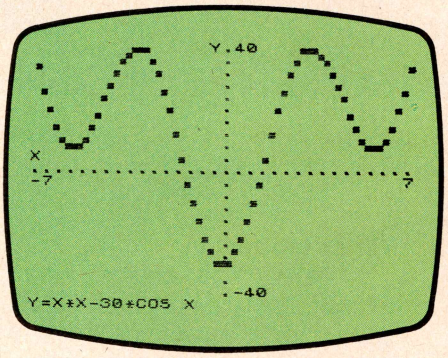
In the third program you are asked for the coefficients (a, b, and c) of a quadratic equation in the form $ax^2+bx+c=0$. From this, the equation will be displayed in standard form along with all real roots. For example, if you wanted to find all possible values of x where $2x^2-3x-5=0$, you would enter 2, -3, -5 and the computer would print: 2X"-3X-5=0, X=2.5 OR X=-1. Test them! (The quotation marks indicate the second power.) Here's another one: For $x^2+0x-9=0$ you would enter 1, 0, -9 and it would return: (X"-9=0, X=3 OR X=-3)

The fourth program is the most impressive. It draws the graph of any function, set of functions, or your own data with modification. First, enter your expression in terms of x; SIN X for example. Then enter any restrictions so the program does not stop with an error. In this case there are none, so press ENTER. Then enter the limit for the x axis (try 3), and then for the y axis (1 is the largest value for the SIN function) and watch while the graph is formed (if you are in the SLOW mode.) Try also (X*X-30*COS) no restrictions, x limit 7, y limit 40.

Some expressions do require restrictions, for instance for (SQR X/(X-3)) the restrictions would be (X>=0 AND X<>3). Notice that by using different axis limits you can squeeze or stretch the graph for the best effect. For the true proportions, the ratio of the length of the x axis to the y axis should be 3 to 2.

Now, suppose you wanted to graph the equation ($y=\pm$SQR x) After entering the alternate lines 870-920, you could first graph (SQR X, X>=0) (6 and 4 are good limits.) Then, when this is done and the string input appears, enter "-SQR X" and then the restrictions "X>=0" to make the graph complete. To start a new one, press ENTER instead of a new expression.

The other modification, alternate lines 810 and 830, allows you to graph your own set of data. Ignore the request for an expression and enter X>0 as the restriction (if that is where your graph starts). Then let the x limit be the number of data points and let y be their upper limit. Finally, enter your numbers one at a time. ■

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  10 PRINT AT 6,4;"1 - PRIME FAC
TORS";AT 8,4;"2 - SQUARE FACTOR"
;AT 10,4;"3 - QUADRATIC EQUATION
"
  20 PRINT AT 12,4;"4 - GRAPH PL
OTTER"
  30 PAUSE 4E4
  40 CLS
  50 GOTO VAL INKEY$*150
 150 PRINT " INPUT NUMBER TO BE
FACTORED"
 160 INPUT A
 170 LET B=2
 180 LET C=A
 190 CLS
 200 FOR B=B TO SQR ABS A
 210 IF A/B=INT (A/B) THEN GOTO
250
 220 NEXT B
 230 PRINT A;"=";C
 240 RUN
 250 PRINT B;"*";
 260 LET A=A/B
 270 GOTO 200
 300 PRINT " INPUT NUMBER TO BE
FACTORED"
 310 INPUT A
 320 CLS
 330 FOR B=SGN A TO A/4+SGN A ST
EP SGN A
 340 LET C=SQR (A/B)
 350 IF INT (C*1E6)/1E6=INT C TH
EN GOTO 390
 360 NEXT B
 370 PRINT A;"  NO SQUARE FACTOR
S"
 380 RUN
 390 PRINT "(";C;"*";C;")";"*"+S
TR$ B AND B<>1;"=";A
 400 RUN
 450 PRINT " INPUT A,B,C FOR AX"
"+BX+C=0"
 460 INPUT A
 470 PRINT AT 3,7;STR$ A AND A<>
1;"X""";
 480 INPUT B
 490 PRINT ("+" AND B>0)+STR$ B+
"X" AND B;
 500 INPUT C
 510 PRINT ("+" AND C>0)+STR$ C
AND C;"=0"
 520 PRINT
 530 LET D=INT (SQR (B*B-4*A*C)*
1E7)/1E7
 540 PRINT "X=";(D-B)/2/A;" OR X
=";(-B-D)/2/A
 550 PAUSE 4E4
 560 CLS
 570 RUN
 600 POKE 16389,128
 610 CLS
 620 PRINT "ENTER EXPRESSION FOR
Y","IN TERMS OF X"
 630 PRINT AT 4,0;"Y=";
 640 INPUT A$
 650 PRINT A$;AT 8,0;"ENTER REST
RICTIONS ON X"
 660 INPUT B$
 670 CLS
 680 PRINT "X AXIS LIMIT?  Y."
 690 FOR X=1 TO 10
 700 PRINT ,".",,"."
 710 NEXT X
 720 PRINT "Y=";A$;"  ";B$;AT 9,
0;"X"
 730 FOR X=1 TO 16
 740 PRINT "..";
 750 NEXT X
 760 INPUT W
 770 PRINT -W;TAB 32-LEN STR$ W;
W;AT 0,0;"Y";
 780 INPUT Z
 790 PRINT TAB 17;Z;AT 20,17;-Z;
AT 0,0;"
 800 IF B$="" THEN LET B$="1"
 810 FOR X=-W-W/15 TO W+W/30 STE
P W/30
 820 IF NOT VAL B$ THEN GOTO 860
 830 LET Y=VAL A$
 840 IF Y<-Z OR Y>Z+Z/20 THEN GO
TO 860
 850 PLOT 30/W*X+32,20/Z*Y+22
 860 NEXT X
 870 PAUSE 4E4
 880 CLS
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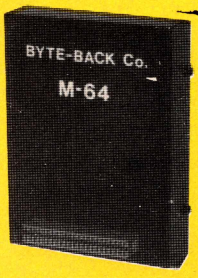

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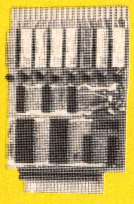

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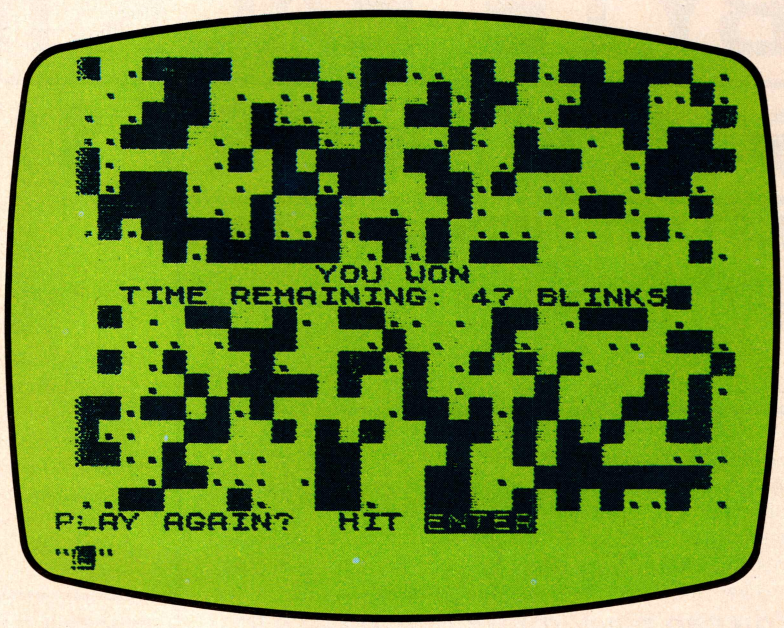

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Have you dreamed of writing a graphics game complete with maze, treasure, and gobbling hunter? Perhaps you figured out how to move your man and draw the maze, but how in blazes do you teach your treasure seeker that he cannot just march through walls to collect his prize?

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This program "ZX Maze" does just that by charting the TV screen with a numerical array. Each value of the array corresponds to a point in the maze. Depending on the assigned value of the point, the roving treasure hunter proceeds through the maze, bumps into a wall, loses or collects points, or finds his treasure.

"ZX Maze" fits in ZX81 or Timex/Sinclair 1000 computers with 16K RAM. After entering the program, type RUN and ENTER. First a random maze and bonus dots are drawn. Then the treasure ($) and blinking gobbler (0) are also randomly placed. Move the man by pressing one of the arrow keys 5, 6, 7, 8. Since everything is positioned randomly, you or the treasure (or both) could materialize inside a wall or closed room with no chance to win. The solution to this minor problem was to give the man a blaster. Push S and the man blows a hole through anything. Watch out though because you could blow up the treasure.

The object of the game is to take the treasure within an alloted amount of time (50 blinks of the man). Using your blaster costs you 9 blinks, but for every bonus dot you gobble, you gain a blink. If you manage to land on the treasure without running out of blinks, the program proclaims your victory in flashing lights. If you run out of time or if you are a little too trigger happy on your blaster, the program says, "YOU LOSE." In either case the blinks remaining are PRINTed and the computer gives you the option to play again.

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How the Program Works

In line 5, C is the clock. You start off with 50 blinks. Increase the value of C to make the game easier.

At line 10 the numerical array A(21,31) is dimensioned. This array is a map of the video screen. Each point on the screen corresponds to a point in the array. A(X,Y) would equal the X,Y coordinates of a screen location. At this stage all values are 0.

Lines 20 to 90 print the maze. In line 40, if a random number between 1 and 10 is greater than 5, you GOTO 70 where a maze wall is PRINTed.

If the random number is less than or equal to 5 you skip line 40 and proceed to 42 where a corridor gives the array position a value of 1.

Next, line 45 acts just like 40, but this time you GOTO 61 to PRINT bonus points. Array values for these are set at -1 in line 62.

When the loop is finished, lines 100 to 150 come into play. In turn they select random X and Y coordinates on the screen for the treasure ("$") and the man. Line 130 gives the treasure a value of 10 in the array.

Line 155 initializes L$ which is used in the man moving routines.

Then lines 157 to 250 act as a keyboard scanning cycle. First, line 160 prints the man. 162 checks for win or lose conditions. If one is met, you GOTO 2000. If not, then line 163 adjusts the time remaining. If the man is sitting on a ".", A(Y,X) will equal -1 so C will increase: C-(-1) is the same as saying C+1. But the next line, 164 changes the value to a blank space so the next time you land there you will not get another bonus blink.

Lines 165 to 190 check if you are pushing a key. At 165, L$ is given the same value as INKEY$, but if you are not pressing a key, L$ will remain unchanged. Once the man starts moving, this line keeps him going in the same direction until you press a key to change it.

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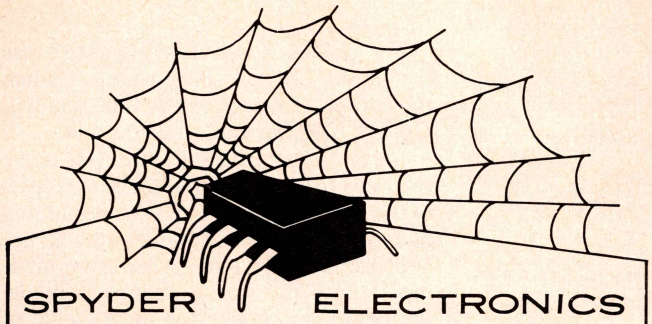

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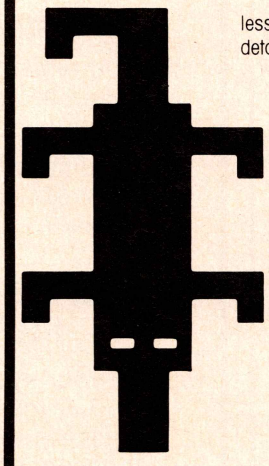

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  2 REM
  3 REM
  4 REM
  5 LET C=50
 10 DIM A(21,31)
 20 FOR N=1 TO 30
 30 FOR Q=1 TO 20
 40 IF INT (RND*10)>5 THEN GOTO
70
 42 LET A(Q,N)=1
 45 IF INT (RND*10)>5 THEN GOTO
51
 50 NEXT Q
 55 NEXT N
 60 GOTO 100
 61 PRINT AT Q,N;"."
 62 LET A(Q,N)=-1
 63 GOTO 50
 70 PRINT AT Q,N;"■"
 90 GOTO 50
100 LET X=INT (RND*28)+2
110 LET Y=INT (RND*16)+2
120 PRINT AT Y,X;"$"
130 LET A(Y,X)=10
140 LET X=INT (RND*28)+2
150 LET Y=INT (RND*16)+2
155 LET L$="X"
157 SLOW
160 PRINT AT Y,X;"O";AT Y,X;"*"
162 IF C<=0 OR A(Y,X)=10 THEN G
OTO 2000
163 LET C=C-A(Y,X)
164 IF A(Y,X)=-1 THEN LET A(Y,X
)=1
165 IF INKEY$<>"" THEN LET L$=I
NKEY$
170 IF L$>="5" AND L$<="8" THEN
 GOTO 100*VAL L$
180 PRINT AT Y,X;" "
190 IF INKEY$="5" THEN GOTO 100
0
250 GOTO 160
500 PRINT AT Y,X;" "
510 IF X>2 THEN IF A(Y,X-1)<>0
THEN LET X=X-(X>2)
520 GOTO 160
500 PRINT AT Y,X;" "
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510 IF Y<20 THEN IF A(Y+1,X)<>0
THEN LET Y=Y+(Y<20)
520 GOTO 160
700 PRINT AT Y,X;" "
710 IF Y>2 THEN IF A(Y-1,X)<>0
THEN LET Y=Y-(Y>2)
720 GOTO 160
800 PRINT AT Y,X;" "
810 IF X<30 THEN IF A(Y,X+1)<>0
THEN LET X=X+(X<30)
820 GOTO 160
1000 PRINT AT Y-1,X-1;" * ";AT Y
,X-1;"*■*";AT Y+1,X-1;" * ";AT Y
-1,X-1;"   ";AT Y,X-1;" O ";AT Y
+1,X-1;"   "
1010 FOR Q=Y-1 TO Y+1
1015 PRINT AT Y,X;"*"
1020 FOR N=X-1 TO X+1
1025 IF A(Q,N)=10 THEN GOTO 2000
1030 LET A(Q,N)=1
1035 PRINT AT Y,X;"O"
1037 LET C=C-1
1040 NEXT N
1050 NEXT Q
1060 GOTO 160
2000 FOR B=1 TO 7
2005 IF A(Y,X)=10 THEN PRINT AT
10,0;"[■■■■■■■■]* YOU WON *[■■■■
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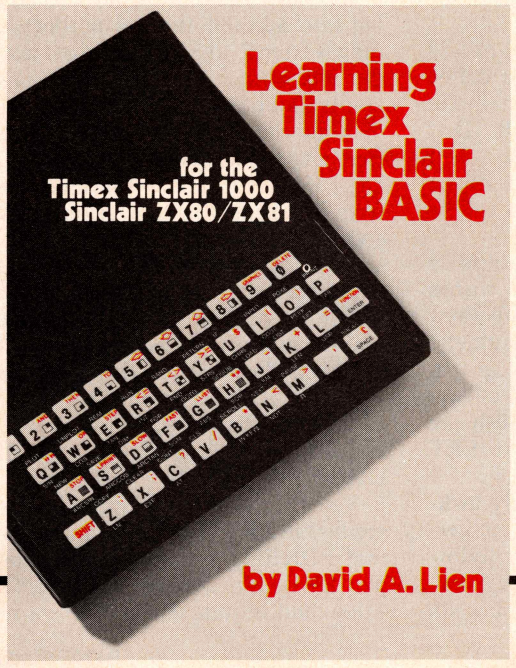

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This program, as originally written, used a technique common to many such maze games–storing the game "field" in a string array. Each location in the array corresponded to a point on the screen, allowing the computer to keep track of the GO/NO-GO areas, as well as the locations of "you" and the "Minotaur."

In order to make this game fit into 2K RAM, however, a different approach must be used; a 20 by 30 string array takes up about 600 bytes of memory. When this is added to the memory required by the display file and the system variables (about 850 bytes), all we would have left is about 600 bytes for program and variables--hardly enough memory for even a rudimentary maze game.

Notice that when you use an array to provide the playing field, the data on the screen is duplicated in the array. So why not use the display file itself as the playing field? We could thus get rid of the array and have effectively twice the memory to put our program and variables into.

Fortunately, this is quite possible even on the ZX81/TS1000 with its flexible display file. Since we will be displaying a full-screen, the display file will be "padded out" to 24 lines of 33 characters each (32 columns plus the ENTER character CHR$118 that marks the end of each line). We will use only the 22 lines usually used for output display, and will reserve the first and last lines and the first and last columns for our boundary, resulting in a 20 by 30 playing field.

Since the display file is located directly above the program area, it does not have a fixed starting address. Instead, one of the system variables (at 16396 and 16397) gives the starting address of the display file.

More exactly, it gives the last byte of the program area; the first byte of the display file is thus the value in D-FILE plus one. To get the value of D-FILE, use the expression

PEEK 16396 + 256 * PEEK 16397

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The program does this in line 90, assigning the value to the Basic variable DF.

The starting address of the display file is "looked up" each time the program is used, so even if you change the program length (altering the location of the display file) the program will still work.

Lines 100 to 150 "fill" the maze picture, sequentially filling each location

with either 0 (CHR$ 0 = space) or 128 (CHR$ 128 = inverse space) to define the GO/NO-GO areas. Which character is inserted depends on whether RND is less than density variable DN or not; if DN is set to, say 0.25, then 25% of the screen locations (on the average) will be blacked in.

By now you may have noticed a conspicuous absence of numbers within the program; the arguments of functions and operations are single-letter numeric variables containing a fixed integer in most cases. For example, instead of saying PRINT AT 1,5; we accomplish the same result by LET P=1 and LET S=5, then saying PRINT AT P,S;.

This might seem like a terribly awkward way to write a program; it certainly makes it more difficult to follow when reading, but it saves memory. Every number in a program line takes six bytes of memory that: 1) tell the computer it is a number (1 byte), and 2) give the floating-point binary representation (5 bytes).

If many numbers are used, it will therefore take a good number of bytes more than the number of keystrokes in the program. Numeric variables, however, are stored beyond the program area and display file, and their representations within the program take only as many bytes as there are letters in the name of the variable.

So, while it takes 11 bytes to store the number 16396, it takes only 1 byte to store K, where we have previously LET K = 16396 in the immediate mode (no line number). Of course, it takes 6 bytes to store K in the variables area, so not much is saved if the number is only used once. Frequently used numbers, on the other hand, will save a good amount of memory since the binary representation is stored only once, in the variables area. Similarly, instead of"16397" we could use "K+P", where K=16396 and P=1, and still save memory.

For maximum memory conservation, these constant variables should be defined in the immediate mode; that way, you do not use up space defining them within the body of the program. One warning, though: this technique will cure you of compulsively using RUN, as it first clears all variables. Use only GOTO to start the program after all the variables have been manually entered; RUN (and CLEAR, of course) are strictly off limits.

Back to the program. If we call the line number of our maze H, and the column number I, then we can address the corresponding point in the display file using the expression DF+H*33+I (or DF+H*L+I where L=33). Note that in this case, H ranges from 1 to 20 (taking into account the top border) and I ranges from 2 to 31 (taking into account the left border and the fact that DF points to the last byte before the first display file element). To change a specified element in the display, we can POKE DF+H*33+I, (code of desired character); PEEKing the expression gives the code of the character at position H,I.

Note the analogy between this way of addressing the screen and PRINT AT H,I;"(character)". In this game, the actual locations do not correspond ("I" is off by one location but this can be easily modified if it is useful to have the PRINT positions match the POKE positions, for example, POKEing DF+H*33+I+1.

You thus have an alternative display method to PRINT AT; the charm of it is that POKEing a character into the display file does not change the PRINT position, and is quite useful where it might

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take considerable extra steps to set the PRINT position back to its original value. Just be careful you do not POKE out the ENTER character at the end of the line (go off the screen on the right) or POKE values into the variables area (go off the screen on the bottom). Either bug can cause the system to crash, or at best goof up the display file and variable values. Also beware of using it unless the display file is padded out, i.e., you either padded it out previously if you have 1 or 2K, or if it is automatically padded by using 4K or greater RAM.

Lines 210-220 initialize your position (D,E), and 380-390 randomly initialize the Minotaur's position (H,I) making sure he is no closer than five spaces to your starting position. These respective positions are then stored in B,C and F,G in case the proposed move is illegal (i.e., a NO-GO area) in lines 400-440. At line 450 it is decided whether the Minotaur's proposed move will be random, or directed towards your position. In lines 620-640 the player's proposed move (or bail-out) is made.

If either move is illegal, the positional variables are restored to their original values (lines 532-550 and 680-710.) Lines 670-675 POKE ("print") the previous positions (leaving a path or track), and 720-725 display the current position of you (CHR$ "O" = 52) and the Minotaur (CHR$ "M" = 178). If your position matches the Minotaur's (line 730), you get eaten; if you escape (line 728), you win. A new maze is set up (same density) when you press "P".

After typing in the program and insuring against errors, type in the values of the numeric variables used as constants (J,K,L,O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V). Then SAVE the program to tape by typing GOTO 1100. After the program has SAVEd, it will display the title page. The screen then goes blank for about 40 seconds while the computer sets up the maze. The game begins when the maze appears.

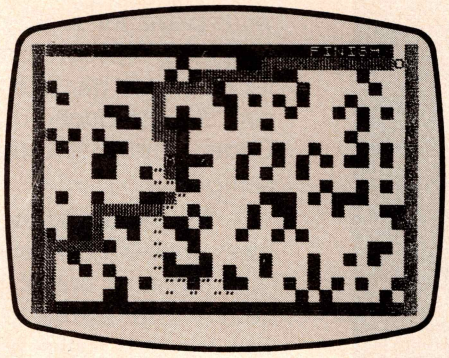
You start out in the lower left-hand corner of the maze, represented by a flashing "O". Somewhere in the maze (but at least five steps away) lurks the Minotaur, shown as a flashing inverse "M". To move, hold down the appropriate "arrow" key ("5" through "8"). You cannot penetrate the dark portions of the maze, nor can you recross your own path or back up. If you happen to get an insoluble maze, or if you wish to bail out, press "1" and the computer will set up a new game.

To exit, press "BREAK". (But do not use CONTinue, as this will cause strange things to happen when the display file is compacted and the POKEs change bytes in the variables area on a 2K machine; there would be no use for this anyway, as the screen is cleared when CONT is entered.)

If you wish to change the density of the maze, type GOTO P (or GOTO any number less than 11). Then enter a number between 0 (no obstructions) and 1 (completely filled in)—.5 is the practical maximum and often results in insoluble mazes. Changing the density also changes the Minotaur's tactic (see line 450). At higher densities his motion becomes more random to keep him from getting stuck. At lower densities you cannot miss a step, as he will usually go straight towards you. Densities in the vicinity of .25 to .3 seem to give the best game.

To restart the game after a BREAK with the same density (but a new maze), type GOTO T (or GOTO any number between 11 and 20).

If you use your taped copy of the program on 2K machines, be sure to SAVE it from a 2K machine (or RAMTOP variable 16389 POKEd at 72). If you SAVE after entering the program into a 4K or greater machine, the whole display file is recorded and will not load into a 2K machine in the future.



Modifications

To make it possible to re-trace your path, change line 680 to:

680 IF PEEK (DF+D*L+E)<V THEN GOTO 720

For the ultimate challenge, play "Diagonal Minotaur," in which your only allowed moves are the four diagonal directions represented by "T", "Y", "G", and "H". Make the following deletions if you do not have a RAM pack.

10 (delete) (set DN in immediate mode.)
70 (delete)
80 (delete) (to make room)
620 LET D=D-(INKEY$="T" OR INKEY$="Y")+(INKEY$="G" OR INKEY$="H")
630 LET E=E-(INKEY$="T" OR INKEY$="G")+(INKEY$="Y" OR INKEY$="H")

Since doing all these INKEY$s takes time, you can "panic" when you get stuck by rapidly jabbing the buttons, and eventually get through to an "illegal" position. This is possible even with the "normal" version–it is possible, for instance, to go diagonally up and to the right if you are stuck, by alternately pushing "7" and "8" as fast as you can.

If you have a RAM pack, the possibilities are only limited by your imagination and the machine's speed. If you have the room, you will probably want to translate all the GOTO's, etc. to numbers instead of variable letters to make it easier to work with, and provide more complex win/lose displays.

Have fun on your journey through your display file!

```
  10 INPUT DN
  20 CLS
  30 FAST
  40 FOR A=P TO V-T-T
  50 PRINT "■■■■■■■■";
  60 NEXT A
  70 PRINT AT S,U-T;"""MINOTAUR"
"";AT U-T,U-T;"■■ F.NACHBAUR"
  80 PAUSE V+V
  90 LET DF=PEEK K+0*V*PEEK (K+P
)
 100 FOR H=P TO T
 110 FOR I=0 TO U
 120 POKE DF+H*L+I,(RND<DN)*V
 130 IF (H<R+P AND I>U-0) OR (H>
T-R AND I<S) THEN POKE DF+H*L+I,
0
 140 NEXT I
 150 NEXT H
 160 SLOW
 200 PRINT AT 0,T+R;"■■■■■■ "
 210 LET D=T
 220 LET E=0
 380 LET H=INT (RND*T+P)
 390 LET I=INT (RND*T+S)
 400 LET B=D
 410 LET C=E
 430 LET F=H
 440 LET G=I
 450 IF RND>(P-DN) THEN GOTO U-T
 460 LET H=H+SGN (D-H)
 470 LET I=I+SGN (E-I)
 480 GOTO U+T
 492 LET H=H+INT (RND*R-P)
 500 LET I=I+INT (RND*R-P)
 510 LET H=H+(H=0)
 532 IF PEEK (DF+H*L+I)<U THEN G
OTO T*U
 540 LET H=F
 550 LET I=G
 620 LET D=D-(INKEY$="7")+(INKEY
$="5")
 630 LET E=E-(INKEY$="5")+(INKEY
$="8")
 640 IF INKEY$="1" THEN GOTO T
 670 POKE DF+B*L+C,R+S
 675 POKE DF+F*L+G,U-T
 680 IF PEEK (DF+D*L+E)<V AND PE
EK (DF+D*L+E)<>R+S THEN GOTO 720
 700 LET D=B
 710 LET E=C
 720 POKE DF+D*L+E,52
 725 POKE DF+H*L+I,178
 728 IF D=0 AND E=U THEN GOTO U*
U
 730 IF D=H AND E=I THEN GOTO T*
T*0
 740 GOTO T*T
 820 PRINT AT T+P,0;"■■■■■■■■■■
■■■■■■";
 830 GOTO U*L
 961 PRINT AT T+P,0;"■■■■■■■■■■
■■■■■■";
1023 PRINT "■PRESS P TO PLAY■"
1030 IF INKEY$<>"P" THEN GOTO U*
0
1050 GOTO T
1100 SAVE "MINOTAUR"
1105 GOTO T
```

Graphics line notes:

50: Inverse space (8)

70: In inverse letters "BY F. NACHBAUR"

200: In inverse letters "FINISH(inverse space)".

820: In inverse letters "YOU WERE EATEN.(inverse space)".

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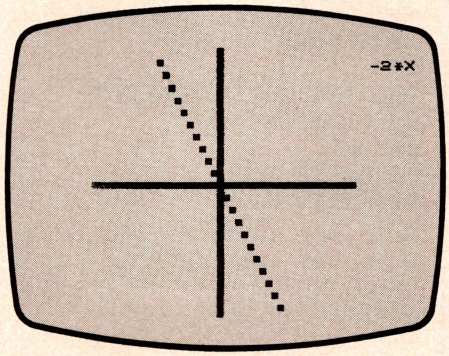

Lines 10-40 draw two axes (x-axis, y-axis); this gives a full sized plane (four quadrants) with the origin in the middle of the screen instead of in the bottom-left corner. The origin can be moved by changing the constant in lines 20 and 30.

Line 70 automatically sets your X value for the most fitting value for Y that can be plotted.

Tuan Ton, 6837 Carnegie Dr., Richmond, VA 23226.

```
  1 FAST
 10 FOR X=0 TO 43
 20 PLOT 21,X
 30 PLOT X,21
 40 NEXT X
 50 INPUT F$
 60 FOR X=-21 TO 21
 70 IF VAL F$+21>42 OR VAL F$+2
1<0 THEN GOTO 90
 80 PLOT X+21,VAL F$+21
 90 NEXT X
100 PRINT AT 1,23;F$
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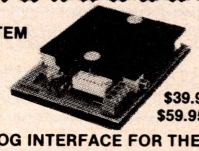

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STARCH is a composite command provided by the Memotech board. PLOT and UNPLOT are similar to the ZX81 statements.

The resultant work of art can be passed into a long string which can then be saved on tape.

Readers might find the process of drawing a lot easier if the "keys" are operated with the eraser end of the pencil. Pressure is positive and response immediate—not always the case with fingers on the ZX81 keyboard!

John Herriott, 143, LeMarchant Rd., St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada A1C 2H3.

```
    5 REM "DRAW"
9680 PRINT "INPUT X. (MAX. 247)"
9682 INPUT X
9684 CLS
9685 PRINT "INPUT Y. (MAX. 192)"
9687 INPUT Y
9689 CLS
9700 LET V=40000 (19000 for 16K)
9710 LET Z$="STARCH"
9712 GOSUB 9990
9720 LET X=X
9722 LET Y=Y
9723 LET Z=0
9730 LET Z$="PLOT"
9735 GOSUB 9990
9740 IF INKEY$="5" THEN LET X=X-1
9742 IF INKEY$="8" THEN LET X=X+1
9745 IF INKEY$="6" THEN LET Y=Y-1
9747 IF INKEY$="7" THEN LET Y=Y+1
9750 IF INKEY$="0" THEN GOTO 9770
9755 GOSUB 9990
9760 GOTO 9730
9770 LET Z$="UNPLOT"
9775 GOSUB 9990
9780 IF INKEY$="5" THEN LET X=X-1
9782 IF INKEY$="8" THEN LET X=X+1
9785 IF INKEY$="6" THEN LET Y=Y-1
9787 IF INKEY$="7" THEN LET Y=Y+1
9790 IF INKEY$="0" THEN GOTO 9730
9800 GOSUB 9990
9810 GOTO 9770
9990 RAND USR 8192
9991 RETURN
```

3-D Cube

Joe Chaiet

Type in the program, type SLOW and ENTER, then RUN and ENTER. Press any key as you normally would. Press again. Notice what happens when you hold the key down. When the error code appears, press RUN and ENTER to play again.

Joseph Chaiet, 25 Cherry Hill Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561.

```
 10 FOR X=1 TO 20
 11 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 11
 20 PLOT 19+X,43
 25 PLOT 19+X,23
 26 PLOT 29+X,33
 27 PLOT 29+X,13
 60 PLOT 20,43-X
 61 PLOT 30,33-X
 62 PLOT 49,33-X
 65 PLOT 39,43-X
 70 IF X>10 THEN GOTO 220
130 PLOT 39+X,43-X
160 PLOT 39+X,23-X
190 PLOT 20+X,23-X
215 PLOT 20+X,43-X
220 NEXT X
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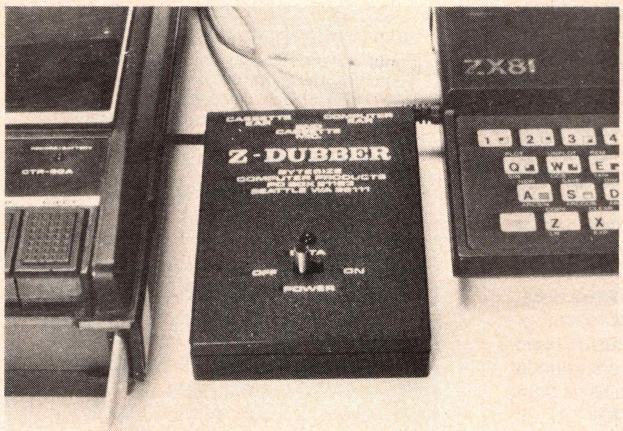

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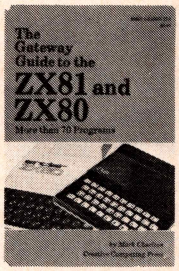

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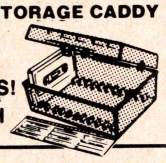

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Graphics line notes:
70: Q,W.
80: Inverse U, inverse space.
90: Inverse S, inverse space.
100: Inverse A, inverse space.
110: Q, inverse space (2), W.

```
 10 REM "BLASTOFF"
 20 PRINT AT 10,10;"BLASTOFF"
 30 PAUSE 50
 40 CLS
 50 LET A=16
 60 LET B=10
 70 PRINT AT    A,B;"  ▗▄▖  "
 80 PRINT AT A+1,B;" ▗▀▀▀▖ "
 90 PRINT AT A+2,B;" ▐▀▀▀▌ "
100 PRINT AT A+3,B;" ▐▀▀▀▌ "
110 PRINT AT A+4,B;"▟▀▀▀▀▀▙"
120 PRINT AT 0,0;"ARE YOU READY
TO BLASTOFF?"
130 PRINT "1=YES, 2=NO"
140 INPUT A
150 IF A=1 THEN GOTO 170
160 IF A=2 THEN GOSUB 300
170 PRINT AT 3,0;"COUNTDOWN"
180 FOR G=10 TO 0 STEP -1
190 PRINT G
200 NEXT G
210 PRINT AT 21,0;"BLASTOFF"
220 FOR H=1 TO 22
230 PRINT AT 21,10;"  **"
240 SCROLL
250 NEXT H
260 CLS
270 PRINT AT 10,10;""""A-OK""""
280 STOP
300 PRINT AT 5,0;"      TOO LATE
"
305 PRINT AT 6,0;"      ITS TAKI
NG OFF ANYWAY."
310 PAUSE 25
320 RETURN
```

Train

Joe Chaiet

Type in the program, put the computer in SLOW mode and press RUN and ENTER. Watch the cute display. Then try constructing your own vehicle.

Graphic notes:
10: Inverse space (31).
50: Space; inverse space (2); space (2); inverse space.
60: Space (2); inverse space (6).
70: Space; inverse space (7).
80: Space (2); letter O; space; letter O; space (2); letter O; Y.

```
  1 LET B=6
  2 PRINT AT 5,5;"**HERE COMES
THE TRAIN**"
  3 FOR S=1 TO 50
  4 NEXT S
 10 PRINT AT 21,0;"
▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀"
 20 FOR A=0 TO 23
 21 LET B=B+1
 23 IF A>3 AND B<27 THEN PLOT (
22-A),B
 40 PRINT AT 17,A;
 50 PRINT ;"▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀▀
```

Ricochet

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Enter the listing as printed. Be sure your computer is in SLOW mode. If you do not have SLOW mode, type in 11 PAUSE 5. Press RUN and ENTER. Then observe the results. If the program gives error code 4, the letters H and E in lines 3 and 4 may be changed to letters with lower character codes.

Line notes:

5 and 21: PI is a Function on the M key.

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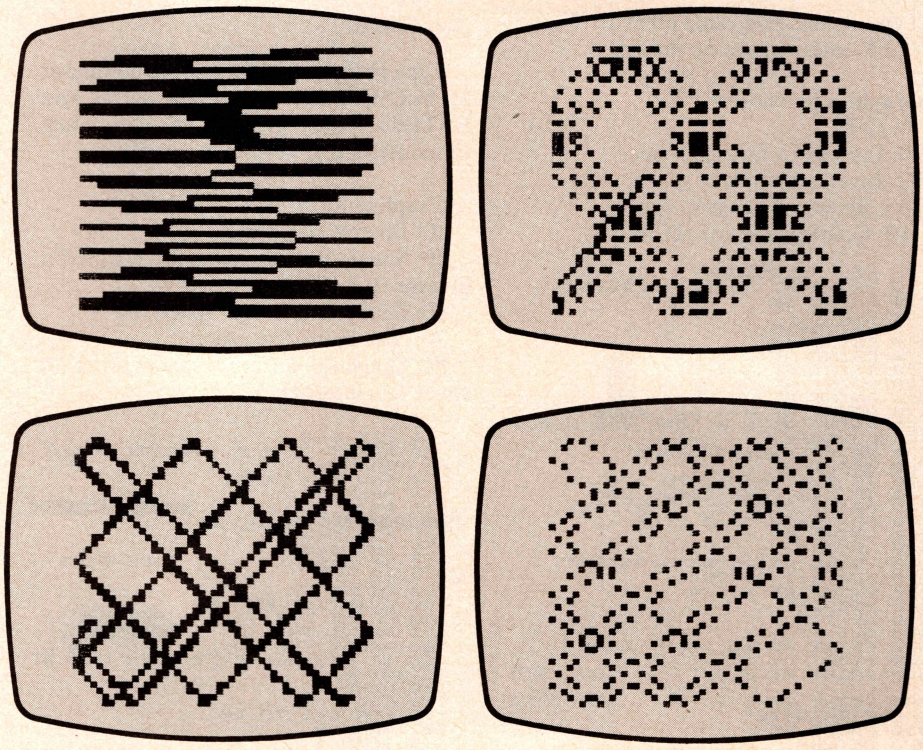

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 3 LET N=CODE "H"
 4 LET A=CODE "E"
 5 LET G=NOT PI
 6 LET E=RND*VAL "4"-VAL "2"
 7 LET M=RND*VAL "4"-VAL "2"
 8 LET X=RND*N
 9 LET Y=RND*A
10 PLOT X,Y
13 LET X=X+E
14 LET Y=Y+M
15 IF X<G THEN LET X=G
16 IF Y<G THEN LET Y=G
17 IF X>N THEN LET X=N
18 IF Y>A THEN LET Y=A
19 IF X=G OR X=N THEN LET E=-E
20 IF Y=G OR Y=A THEN LET M=-M
21 GOTO PI*PI
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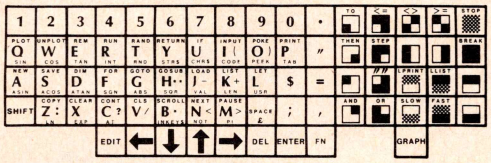

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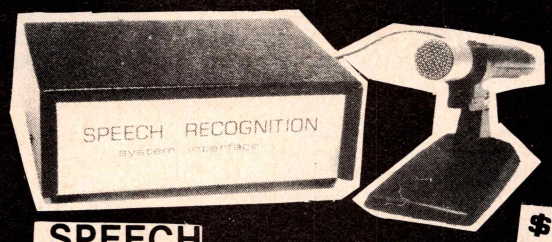

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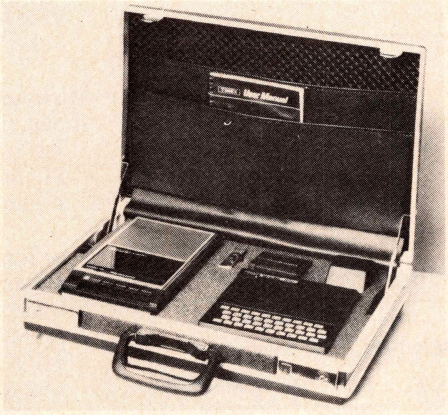

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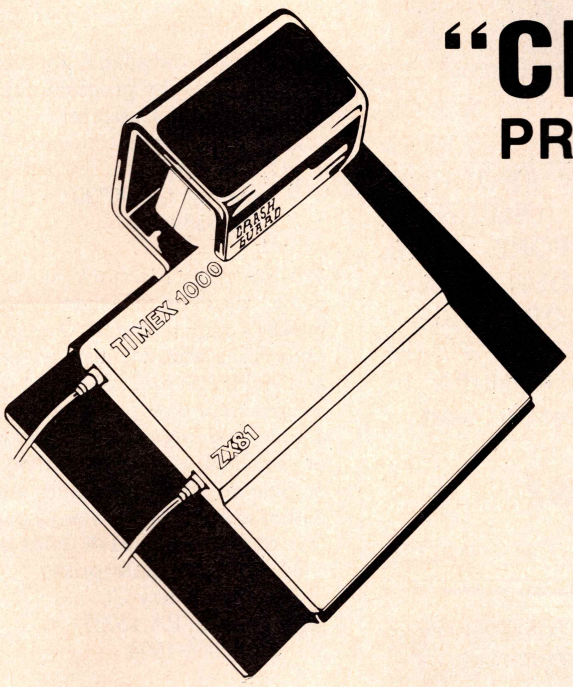

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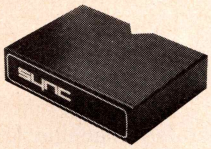

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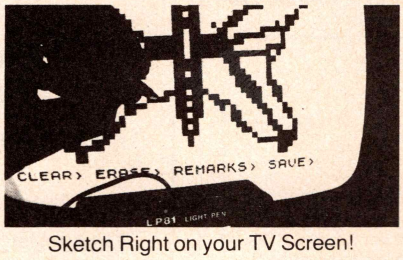

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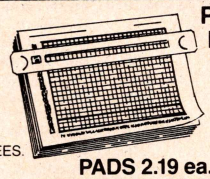

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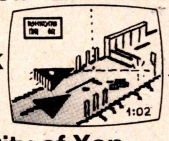

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